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12 RAJYA SABHA MPs HELD GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT FOR CAUSING DISRUPTIONS
Rajya Sabha Privileges Committee on Thursday held 12 opposition MPs guilty of misconduct for disrupting the House's proceedings last year

RULES BROKEN AMID PROTEST ON MANIPUR ISSUE
The MPs, including Aam Admi Party's Sanjay Singh, were accused of unruly behaviour in Rajya Sabha on August 11, during protests by the Opposition demanding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi speak on the Manipur violence. Singh is accused of rushing into the well of the House and pointing at the Chair seeking discussion on the issue | **P9**



MPs TOLD TO ADHERE TO CODE OF CONDUCT
■ All of the lawmakers have since apologised. The panel, in its report, told them to "scrupulously adhere to exemplary conduct"
■ Among the 12 MPs held guilty are Shaktisinh Gohil, Sushil Gupta, Sandeep Pathak, Naranbhai J Rathwa, L Hanumanthaiah, Syed Nasir Hussain, Kumar Ketkar, Phulo Devi Netam, and Jebi Mather Hisham



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LAWMAKERS SUSPENDED IN BOTH HOUSES DURING LAST YEAR'S WINTER SESSION

Emergency a punching bag for Prez as well

No word on the ambitious One Nation, One Poll, Uniform Civil Code

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A day after Speaker Om Birla deplored Emergency, President Droupadi Murmu followed suit on Thursday, describing it as the biggest and darkest chapter of a direct attack on the Constitution, in her first address to a joint session of Parliament after the constitution of the 18th Lok Sabha.

Murmu also expressed grave concern over frequent disruptions in Parliament because of differences between the treasury and the Opposition benches. She hailed the record turnout of voters in J&K in the general elections, saying the Kashmir valley has given a befitting reply to the enemies of India who spread false propaganda at global forums.

The President also touched upon various policy initiatives like the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) but was silent on the BJP's promise of a Uniform Civil Code and the One Nation, One Poll proposal.

Murmu said, "The Constitution of India has stood up to every challenge and every test in the past decades. Even when the Constitution was in the making, there were forces in the world who wished India to fail". After the Constitution came into force, it was attacked many times. "The imposition of Emergency on June 25 in



President Droupadi Murmu addresses the joint sitting of Parliament | **P1**

SENGOL ROW AFTER SP MEMBER'S SUGGESTION

Samajwadi Party MP RK Chaudhary's demand to replace the Sengol installed next to the Speaker's chair with a copy of the Constitution triggered a war of words on Thursday. While Opposition leaders supported him, the ruling BJP lit into Chaudhary for disrespecting Indian and Tamil culture. Chaudhary had written to Speaker Om Birla demanding that the Sengol, a symbol of transfer of power when India got independence, be removed as it represents monarchy | **P9**



1975 was the biggest and darkest chapter of direct attack on the Constitution," she said. It drew wide criticism on the Opposition benches.

As for the ruling NDA, Murmu said the government is taking all efforts to make the Constitution embedded in public's consciousness. She pointed out that even in J&K, the Constitution is now fully in force.

Giving the Opposition a bit of advice, President Murmu said, "Opposition of policies and obstruction of parliamentary functioning are two different things. All of us are responsible for ensuring that no

obstacle comes in the way of achieving the resolution of Viksit Bharat."

Amid the row over alleged malpractices in the holding of NEET-UG and the cancellation and deferment of a few other competitive exams, Murmu said, "My government is committed to a fair investigation and ensuring strict punishment to the culprits. Even earlier, we have witnessed many instances of paper leaks in different states."

Speaking about the government, she said the people have given the NDA a clear and stable mandate for a third time.

Make DKS CM, Vokkaliga seer tells Siddu

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EVEN as the debate on inducting more DyCMs into the Siddaramaiah cabinet is raging, senior seer of Vishwa Vokkaliga Mahasamsthana Mutt Chandrashekara Swamiji on Thursday demanded that DyCM DK Shivakumar be made Chief Minister.

Interestingly, the seer made this statement in the presence of CM Siddaramaiah and his cabinet ministers, Nirmalananda Swamiji of Balangadharanatha Mutt and Nanjavadoota Swamiji at a function here to mark Kempegowda Jayanthi.



Senior seer of Vishwa Vokkaliga Mahasamsthana Mutt Chandrashekara Swamiji (second from left) offers floral tributes to the statue of Kempegowda in Bengaluru on Thursday | **ALLEN EGENUSE J**

He said many leaders enjoyed power as CM except Shivakumar. Siddaramaiah has already served and is serving as CM. He should pave the way for Shivakumar to become CM. "This will

happen only if Siddaramaiah makes up his mind to make Shivakumar CM. I request Siddaramaiah with folded hands to make Shivakumar CM," he said.

Later, the seer said, "It is dhar-

ma to make Shivakumar CM." Asked if Shivakumar spoke to him in this regard earlier, the seer said he (Shivakumar) should have been CM by now. But he (Siddaramaiah) is not willing. Someone has to convince Siddaramaiah to do so," he said.

The seer indirectly slammed other senior swamis of various Vokkaliga mutts when asked if they supported his statement on making Shivakumar CM. He said, "Our society is like this. They won't make such statements in the presence of the CM or ministers for the fear of losing certain privileges or benefits from the government."

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Opposition to press for debate on NEET in Parliament today

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

AMID the nationwide outrage over allegations of paper leaks and irregularities involving the National Testing Agency (NTA), the opposition parties said they will demand a discussion on the matter and bring adjournment motions in both Houses of Parliament on Friday. The decision was taken at the meeting of the floor leaders of the INDIA bloc at the residence of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge.

An Opposition leader who attended the meeting told this newspaper that all the parties unanimously decided



Two men arrested by CBI being taken for medical checkup in Patna | **P11**

to move adjournment motions on the NEET row in both Houses of Parliament. The parties will demand a debate on NEET in both Houses before the discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address takes place, said a senior leader. This is to ensure that NEET

gets adequate time for discussion, he added.

While Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi will raise the issue in the Lok Sabha, Kharge will lead take it up in the Upper House. Sources said the Opposition parties will not relent until discussion happens.

Meanwhile, the CBI on Thursday made its first arrests in the NEET-UG paper leak case, taking two persons—Manish Kumar and Ashutosh Kumar—into custody in Patna for allegedly providing safe accommodation to aspirants and giving them leaked question papers and answer keys.

TWIN-CITY CONNECTIVITY

Stalin announces plan to build int'l airport at Hosur

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@Chennai

THE Tamil Nadu government will set up an international airport on 2,000 acres of land in Hosur with a capacity to handle 30 million passengers a year to cater to the increasing industrial needs of Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri districts, Chief Minister **M K Stalin** told the Assembly on Thursday.

Making the announcement under Rule 110 of the Assembly, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister underscored the need to enhance connectivity to Hosur and support numerous manufacturing and industrial units in and around the city that are attracting investments in electronics and electric vehicles manufacturing.

He said the state government has been carrying out several farsighted measures to bring in modern infrastructure in Ho-

sur. The new master plan for Hosur is about to be completed soon, he said.

Stalin said that the state government felt an airport was needed in Hosur to help the socio-economic development of Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri region.

"The new airport will foster a twin-city ecosystem with Bengaluru propelling growth in both Tamil Nadu and Karnataka," Industries Minister TRB Rajaa later said in a statement while extending his heartfelt thanks to the Chief Minister for the announcement.

"This project will greatly enhance connectivity and stimulate economic growth, benefiting not only Hosur but also neighbouring districts such as Dharmapuri and Salem, while also providing a significant boost to various parts of Bengaluru," Rajaa said.



Need more airports, TN move welcome: Expert

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

ALTHOUGH the TN government's move to build an international airport at Hosur near Bengaluru violates the agreement signed by Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), the operator of Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), with the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation, former bureaucrat K Jairaj, who was instrumental in establishing KIA, said there is a need to review the agreement as air traffic has increased beyond expectations.

"Commercial operations at KIA commenced in 2008. As per the agreement between BIAL and the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation, no new airport should be set up within an aerial distance of 150 km of KIA. This agreement holds good till 2033," Jairaj told **TNIE**.

"Air traffic is witnessing a big growth year after year. We expected it to grow by around 7%. But its growth has almost touched 15%. Given this significant growth and demand for air travel, the 25-year agreement should be reviewed," he said. The TN government has announced that it will build the international airport at Hosur, which is around 74 km from KIA. Going by the agreement, BIAL should give the Hosur airport operator a NOC.

Bengaluru is a key Global Capacity Centre (GCC) hub with over 250 GCCs. The city has grown by leaps and bounds. So, BIAL's business will never be threatened by TN's international airport at Hosur; though it will come up within the 150 km vicinity of KIA, Jairaj said. With an aim to become a developed nation by 2047 and the third largest economy, India needs more airports and the one proposed at Hosur should be permitted, he said.



Policy switch to make full fighter jets in India

SHAHID FARIDI @New Delhi

NOT content with piecemeal Make in India initiatives in its defence procurement, the Union government has made a policy switch to buy as many as 114 Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) only from a vendor who is ready to set up a manufacturing unit in India for the entire aircraft.

It also wants transfer of technology and full production in India in a joint venture with a local partner. A new global tender incorporating these conditions is likely to be floated soon.

The radical shift in policy is expected to delay the MRFA ac-

quisition further. India has 31 squadrons of fighter jets as against the sanctioned strength of 42. A large number of parts of fighter aircraft purchased earlier are already being manufactured in India under the off-set obligations. This is the first time that the government will be insisting on manufacturing complete aircraft in India with technology transfer.

Approximately valued at \$20 billion, the MRCA is said to be one of the world's biggest defence deals in recent times. Among the aircraft in the race to bag the contract are Dassault's Rafale, Boeing's Su-

per Hornet F/A-18, SAAB's Gripen, Lockheed Martin's F-21, Russian MiG-35 and the Eurofighter Typhoon.

Sources said French company Dassault, makers of Rafale, which has been the frontrunner to bag the contract, is not keen to transfer technology for production in India. The Indian government has already bought 36 Rafale jets for the Indian Air Force and is likely to go ahead with its decision to purchase 26 Rafale Marine to replace the ageing MiG-29s being used on INS Vikram and INS Vikramaditya.

The Union government has

been encouraged by its success in getting US company GE Aerospace Defence and Systems to produce fighter jet engines in India in collaboration with the state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.

As per the deal signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's last visit to the US, GE will transfer 80% technology of its F414 jet engines that will power the Mk2 version of India's indigenous developed Light Combat Aircraft.

The government has increased the FDI sectoral limit in defence to 74% to make the country a defence manufacturing hub.

750-page chargesheet filed against BSY in POCSO case

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THE Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Thursday filed a chargesheet against former chief minister and senior BJP leader BS Yediyurappa in a case registered against him under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The chargesheet was filed at Fast Track Court 1 for POCSO Act, 2012 Cases in Bengaluru. In the 750-page chargesheet, 74 people have been listed as witnesses

against Yediyurappa and his aides YM Arun, M Rudresh and G Mariswamy. The three aides have been named as accused in the chargesheet for allegedly destroying evidence and trying to shield the senior BJP leader.

Yediyurappa has been charged with sexual harassment (IPC 354A), destruction of document or electronic record to prevent its production as evidence (IPC 204), offering gift or restoration of property in consideration of screening offender (IPC 214), and Section 8 of the POCSO Act. **P4**

EXPRESS READ

Two auto drivers electrocuted in M'luru

MANGALURU: Two autorickshaw drivers died after they came in contact with a live wire that snapped, following heavy rain in Mangaluru on Wednesday night. The deceased have been identified as Raju (50) and Devaraj (46). Raju was washing his auto when a live wire fell on him. Devaraj, who rushed to save Raju, also suffered severe burns. Both died on the spot.

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35k students to get degrees from BCU, 53 gold medals

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BENGALURU City University (BCU) will hold its third annual convocation at Jnana Jyothi Auditorium on Saturday.

A total of 6,424 postgraduate and 29,484 undergraduate students, 56.41% of whom are women, will receive their degrees. As many as 44 gold medals and 35 rank certificates will be awarded to PG students while nine gold medals and 28 rank certificates will be handed out for UG students.

Gokula Education Foundation Chairman MR Jayaram and former cricketer GR Vishwanath will be conferred with honorary doctorates.

At a press meet on Thursday, BCU Vice-Chancellor Lingaraja Gandhi said this 34 and seven gold medals have been bagged by women PG and UG students, respectively.

Thirteen gold medals will be provided by donors to UG and PG students. Two medals that were to be handed out for BA Music and Master of Tourism and Travel Management (MTTM) will not be awarded this time as just a few students had enrolled in these courses.

Yashas M, Masters in Science, Department of Chemistry, BCU, bagged the highest of four gold medals followed by Ruth R, Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Sir Krishna Degree College, with three and Dhanyatha SS, Bachelor in Commerce, RJS First Grade College, two medals.

The convocation ceremony will be attended by All India Council for Technical Education Chairman TG Sitharam, who will also deliver the convocation address. Karnataka Governor Thaaarchand Gehlot and Higher Education Minister MC Sudhakar will be present.



THE LONG WAIT Experts rule out BBMP polls anytime soon

Govt focused on forming Greater Bengaluru Authority, splitting BBMP

MOHAMMED YACOUB @Bengaluru

WITH the state government planning to constitute a Greater Bengaluru Authority, an apex body of all civic agencies, and split the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), experts and sources in the restructuring committee have ruled out the much-awaited BBMP polls anytime soon.

According to a senior member of the BBMP restructuring committee, the



focus is on the integration of the Greater Bengaluru Authority, strengthening the corporation and ensuring ward-level governance. "At present, the BBMP's role is less as there are separate agencies like Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited, Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited and others for the service of citizens. Once the Greater Bengaluru Authority is formed and the bifurcation of the civic body take place, it will pave the way for the municipal polls," the member said.

The official stressed that if all these processes are completed in six months, the civic body polls can be held without any doubt.

Lashing out at this, Sandeep Anirudhan, Convenor, Namma Whitefield, said the process of constituting the Greater Bengaluru Authority and splitting the Palike is nothing but tactics to delay the BBMP polls. "The process of delimitation of wards in the previous government took one year and ward numbers went up from 198 to 243. The order was cancelled by the current government and now there are 225 wards, but the administration is there for 198 wards only. The process of file transfers, and redrawing of boundaries for bifurcation or trifurcation will take at least six years. Let the government conduct polls first and then focus on local administration," said Anirudhan.

He also added that delaying the local body polls is a violation of law as mandated under the 74th Amendment and this is unconstitutional.

It can be noted that the BBMP council term ended on September 10, 2020, and the city administration is now managed by the state government through an administrator. Due to the absence of local elected representatives, the public is inconvenienced as they cannot take up issues related to garbage, clogging of drains, security and water supply among others to the administrators.

Another sinkhole opens due to UG work

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A massive sinkhole opened up on Thursday morning in a part of the Nagavara-KG Halli main road where metro rail tunnelling work is going on. According to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRL) officials, the road caved in around 8.30 am. Following this, traffic to one side of the road was blocked and officials scamped to fill the gaping sinkhole.

BMRL officials suspect that the road could have caved in due to water accumulation from Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) pipes underneath.

Ghouse Inamdar, Assistant Executive Engineer, Hennur Sub Division, said a 450-diameter water line and nine-inch sanitary line had suffered damage, and BMRL has accepted to fix the pipelines.



The sinkhole formed on the Nagavara-KG Halli main road on Thursday morning

"The pipes suffered damage due to the metro tunnelling work and hence the road sank as the soil had become loose due to water accumulation," said Inamdar.

BMRL Chief Engineer Dayananda Shetty, who inspected the spot, said after be-

ing alerted about the sinkhole, earthmovers and workers were rushed to the spot. The sinkhole was filled with aggregates and the area has been sealed off. "The traffic on one side of the stretch between KG Halli Road to Nagavara has been shut as the tunnel boring machine is just

below the spot. Traffic will be allowed after consultation with the traffic police only after the machine moves away up to 10 metres from the spot," said Shetty.

Another official said after the incident, the drilling operation was stopped. The TBM can drill up to 2 metres in length in a day if there is rock. In case of smooth or loose soil, the TBM can exceed up to 20 metres a day. Only after the concrete settles, traffic will be allowed. "The traffic on the stretch can be expected to open only by next week," said an official.

In January 2023, a 3-metre wide sinkhole appeared on Brigade Road during the peak hour. At that time, a leak on a BWSSB pipeline was suspected to have caused the cave-in of the road. Drilling work had to be stopped for few days then too.

EXPRESS READ

Parade ground gets Gallantry Walkway

Bengaluru: A 'Gallantry Walkway' was inaugurated at Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw Parade Ground by Major General Ravi Murugan, PVSM, AVSM, GOC Karnataka and Kerala Sub Area, on Thursday. The walkway showcases seven busts of top gallantry awardees from Karnataka, including recipients of the Param Vir Chakra, Ashok Chakra and Mahavir Chakra. The primary objective of the initiative is to honour the spirit, sacrifice and unwavering service of armed forces personnel while instilling pride among the young. **ENS**

IIM-B to host summit on entrepreneurship in July

Bengaluru: The Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore (IIM B) will host the annual entrepreneurship summit — Eximius 2024 — on July 6 and 7. Based on the theme 'Ideate to Elevate', the event, in partnership with NSRCEL, will see venture capitalists, budding entrepreneurs, innovators, students and start-up founders from around the country share their experiences. **ENS**

Awareness campaign held on drug abuse

Bengaluru: Alliance University and Bengaluru Rural police organised an awareness campaign on the devastating impact of drug abuse, at Anekal Bus Station on Thursday. Held as part of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the programme aimed to educate the public on the legal and social consequences of drug abuse. Addressing over 100 individuals who came together for the initiative, Inspector Tippenwamy delivered an in-depth analysis of the escalating drug abuse problem, particularly among the youth. **ENS**

B'LURU'S HOUSING PROPERTY PRICES SOAR AMID HIGH DEMAND



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THE residential property market in Bengaluru continues to thrive with a recent report

highlighting that the average prices have risen by 3% Quarter-on-Quarter (QoQ) between April and June (Q2) this year, following a 4.5% increase in the previous quarter, bringing

the average to Rs 9,299 per square foot (psf).

As per the latest PropIndex report by Magicbricks, a platform for property buyers and sellers, over the past two

years, the city has demonstrated consistent growth in residential prices with the average increasing from Rs 7,396 psf in Q2 2022 to Rs 9,299 psf in Q2 2024.

Despite an 8% decline in demand this quarter, the dip is considered temporary in an otherwise expanding market, the report noted and highlighted the increase in demand for under-construction properties, resulting in a 4.35% QoQ price rise from Rs 8,892 psf in the previous quarter to Rs 9,279 psf in Q2 2024.

Similarly, prices for ready-to-move properties saw a 2.41% QoQ increase, from Rs 9,095

psf in the previous quarter to Rs 9,314 psf in Q2 2024, as per the report.

The findings highlighted that in terms of buyer preferences, most home seekers in the city were looking for 3BHK houses, which accounted for 54% of the demand, followed by 2BHK at 38%. The average price for 3BHK residences has increased by 13.8% year-on-year (YoY) to Rs 9,100 psf while 2BHK units have seen a 16.4% YoY rise to Rs 7,600 psf.

Abhishek Bhadra, head of research at Magicbricks, explained that although property rates in the city have increased at a slower pace compared to

the previous quarter, they remain close to the national average growth rate. The steady growth is attributed to the city's status as a technology hub, job opportunities, infrastructure development, strong economic fundamentals, and educational institutions which contribute to attracting significant investor interest, he said.

As per the report, the most sought after localities are Whitefield, Sarjapura Road, Ballari Road, Electronics City and Kanakapura Road, due to their strategic location, robust infrastructure and proximity to key commercial and educational institutions.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

28th June: Do you believe that we have been visited by aliens from other planets, or even from other galaxies? I know lots of people do, but I'm not sure. One question is why don't they reveal themselves to the world as a whole? Why are they so secretive? We may contact other civilisations one day, and I'm happy to wait!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

If you're a perfectionist, like so many members of your sign, you may be finding current pressures a bit hard-going. However, if you are ready to take life as it comes, there'll be much to stimulate and entertain you, perhaps opening a window on a completely new world.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

It may seem that you have now had your last chance to take an important decision on money, perhaps involving partners and close friends. However, the present lull is but a temporary phase. While you're in it, it could feel as if it's lasting forever.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Delays are inevitable, but there's nothing to worry about. At such times, when life slows down, you must take the opportunity to reflect on the state of your life so far, and consider just where your current activities are taking you. Do you really want to be the centre of attention? If not, alter your course now.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Discreet discussions are likely quite soon and if these involve your work, the outcome will include welcome long-term benefits. An increasingly lively social life will provide the absolutely perfect counter-balance to your steadily accumulating responsibilities.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

The general impact of current planetary influences is to deepen your mental processes. The result will be a mood of increasing seriousness combined with delays and, quite possibly, broken arrangements in your social life. But, then, you're getting used to that!

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

Significant discussions are becoming more intense and serious, now there's a hint that there is more to be settled before agreement is reached. Concentrate on getting your home affairs straight and establishing order in family arrangements - and, if you have any doubts, let partners set the pace.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

This could be a critical time for all matters. You'd be advised to get hold of more information, although you must wait a little longer before deals are finalised to everyone's satisfaction. Partners genuinely want to help, so put your suspicions to one side and welcome whatever assistance is offered.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

You should know by now that it's much better to let other people under-stand what you're really feeling, otherwise you can't complain if you are misunderstood. Partners genuinely want to help, so put your suspicions to one side and welcome whatever assistance is offered.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

Certain proposals must be left on ice for a little while, at least until you have had time to digest what partners have said and done. You must continue to discuss your plans and proposals in as much detail as is required. Never feel you have to make a final decision until you are ready.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Although you are often in an outgoing and sociable mood, you have tendency to go behind people's backs, even if well-intentioned. Don't be surprised if friends are bemused by your behaviour. After all, you have been putting out confusing signals!

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

It's an excellent time to broaden your horizons and diversify your affairs. Not only is your career involved in this reassessment, but so is a whole range of leisure and social activities. But, first, you must finalise financial plans as soon as you can.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Why not live up to your reputation and be more tolerant in your dealings with loved ones? The demands you make on them have more to do with your own high expectations than the reality of the current situation. In other words, you'll do yourself a power of good by being more realistic.

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ACROSS

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- Hit musical sample from American niece (5)
- Breaker that may sink a ship (9)
- It used to be outback (3)
- Ford is said to have been considered (4)
- Ocean liner popular with sunbathers (8)
- The little devil breaks cover and gets clear (6)
- An unpopular American in a jacket (6)
- Course of treatment keeps one away from work (4,4)
- Might be in or even out (4)
- You sound like one likely to get fleeced (3)
- Is not my name to appear very shortly? (3,6)
- Not the northern summit, say (5)
- A king with supporters stages a recovery (7)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 On the mat, 5 Gosh, 9 Tibia, 10 Antigua, 11 Rough diamond, 18 Orders, 14 Uggler, 17 Polythene bag, 20 Exploit, 21 Olive, 22 Felt, 23 Deadbeat.

DOWN

- Part of the garden we turn up to sprinkle (5)
- Company's vegetable product (3)
- Inducement to break a rule (4)
- An exceptionally warm spring (6)
- Held in apprehension? (8)
- US citizen appearing periodically (3,6)
- Orders are sent from Asia (7)
- Elaborate metalwork to stop a bit of play (9)
- Without it magic tricks become a tawdry (8)
- Bounty is a big ship (7)
- The plea and the pleader (6)
- They're played in no set order (5)
- Brother-hood? (4)
- Delta's content with a biblical character (3)

Down: 10 Tarts, 2 Tabloid, 3 Exaggeration, 4 Awards, 6 Anglo, 7 Boards, 8 Stranglehold, 12 Complete, 15 Imagine, 16 Kette, 18 Lapel, 19 Neat.

JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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With this do we have enough?
Yes! That one plus the other two gives us three!
You're so smart!

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

Jumbles: BEIGE SUEDE LAZILY UNCORK
Answer: They examined the wall of the new gold mine and discovered it was — "LODE-BEARING"

Granddad rapes child, cops detain victim's father

Man accused of helping his parents and brothers flee, attempting to cover up crime

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A SIX-year-old girl was raped allegedly by her 58-year-old grandfather in Hulimavu police station limits on Tuesday. Police have detained the girl's father for helping his parents and brothers flee the house after the incident came to light. He has also been charged with trying to cover up the incident.

When the incident took place, the girl's mother was away at work. The family hailed from Tamil Nadu and had settled in Hulimavu on Bannerghatta Road.

After returning from work, the girl's mother learned about the rape and decided to approach the police. However, the accused tried to entice her by offering to register his property in the victim's name if she did not report the matter to the police. He also offered her gold ornaments.

Shockingly, the girl's fa-

ther too advised his wife not to approach the police. When the woman refused to budge, her mother-in-law and other family members tried to coax her to keep the incident under wraps. Finally, the family threatened her with dire consequences if she reported the matter to the police.

On Wednesday, the woman somehow managed to leave the house on the pretext of going to work and sought help from her neighbours. They then shifted the victim to hospital for treatment.

As it was a medico-legal case, the hospital alerted the police who went to the hospital and advised the woman to file a complaint. She filed the police complaint on Wednesday night. The victim is presently undergoing treatment in Vani Vilas Hospital.

The Hulimavu police are on the lookout for the accused, his wife and two other sons, and registered a case under different sections of the POCSO Act.

After cotton candy & kebabs, lens now on pani puri

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FOLLOWING the ban on use of artificial colours in cotton candy, gobi manchurian and recently kebabs, the state health department is now likely to regulate the sale of pani puri, suspecting that carcinogenic colouring agents are mixed with the water used in the preparations.

Speaking to TNIE, officials of

the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) said they have collected over 200 samples of pani puris across the state and are currently awaiting the test results.

A senior FSSAI official mentioned that the department collected the samples from various spots like wedding halls and shopping malls apart from street vendors outside malls,

parks, educational institutes and offices.

Asked about the department's next focus in the interests of public safety, the official said there is a possibility of regulating the sale of Indian sweets. "The department is actively picking up random food samples that are often consumed, and the next target could be sweets, particularly jalebi, laddu and jahangir, which

are notable for their bright colour," the official said.

As festivals are approaching, the demand for sweets typically surge. At such times, sellers usually receive substantial orders. To proactively protect consumers from potential additives, stringent measures are being planned and will be implemented in advance, the official added.

The continuous testing initiative not only aims to educate

citizens about the risks associated with street food and the potential presence of harmful chemicals, but also serves as a warning to vendors and sellers to strictly adhere to food safety regulations. Manufacturers and sellers must be aware that if they compromise on the quality of the food products, they will be penalised and face stringent action as per Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, the official highlighted.

3 fliers caught with gold

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THE Air Intelligence Unit of Customs has seized gold items valued at over Rs 52 lakh from three international fliers, including a woman, who arrived in Bengaluru in different flights. The total weight of the gold seized during the intervening night of June 24 and 25 is 731.5 gram. All of them had concealed the gold in their clothes.

A Customs source said the first seizure was made from a male passenger, a native of Vellore in Tamil Nadu, who reached Kempegowda International Airport from Bangkok. "He had concealed three gold biscuits and one small gold patti, totally weighing 315 gm and valued at

Rs 22.49 lakh. A spot physical search based on suspicion helped in detecting the items," he said. The flier had arrived by a Thai Lion Airlines flight SL 216.

The second case involved a Bengaluru woman who arrived from Dubai by an Indigo flight (6E 1486). "She had concealed one gold chain and four bangles under her clothes. Profiling and body search helped in detecting the smuggled items weighing 300 gm," the source said. The items are worth Rs 21,20,400.

In the third case, a Shivamoga native who attempted to smuggle a 116.5-gram gold biscuit was caught after physical checks. He had concealed the biscuit, worth Rs 8.31 lakh, in the pocket of his pant. He arrived by an Indigo Arabia flight from Sharjah to Bengaluru.

DLs, RCs pile up at RTOs, official says they must be cleared by month-end

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WHILE many who have given their tests for driving licences are waiting for their DLs, those who have registered their new vehicles too are looking forward to their registration certificate (RC) smart cards. But these cards are lying with the transport department. Sources from the department revealed that the smart cards are just accumulating and they have to be dispatched through the postal department, but because of the lethargy of transport officials, they are lying at these offices.

Many have been left wondering why their DLs are yet to reach their homes even weeks

All the RTOs have been asked to post the accumulated DLs and RCs as and when they are generated and there shouldn't be any delay

— Official, transport department

after clearing the test. A 22-year-old youth, whose residence falls under the Rajajinagar Regional Transport Office (RTO), had appeared for the driving licence test at the Peenya driving test track and passed the test. "I appeared for the test in early May. It's been more than one-and-a-half months and I have not received the DL yet," he lamented. This is the case with many waiting

for their DLs and RC cards.

The state transport department has entered into an agreement with the Karnataka Postal Circle to pick up DLs and RCs from the 67 RTOs across the state and deliver them using Speedpost.

A transport department official said they too have received complaints related to delays in posting DLs and RCs. Recently, Transport Commissioner Yogeesh held a meeting and took officials to task.

"All the RTOs have been asked to post the accumulated DLs and RCs by the end of this month. They should post the smart cards as and when they are generated and there shouldn't be any delay," the official said.

Drunk man vandalises 7 vehicles, tries to steal car, bike

Bengaluru: Under the influence of alcohol, a 29-year-old man vandalised seven vehicles early Thursday morning and tried to drive away with a car, but rammed it into an electric pole. He then attempted to lift a two-wheeler parked outside a police station only to get caught by the police. The accused has been identified as Prathap Chanda from West Bengal. He was working in a canteen in Chamarajpet. Between 3.30 am and 4 am, Chanda damaged the vehicles parked on Mysuru Road. Next he broke into a car, but unable to drive, he rammed it into an electric pole. Then he tried to steal a two-wheeler parked outside the Byatarayanapura police station leading to his arrest. **ENS**

HC restrains Power TV from broadcasting

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THE Karnataka High Court has restrained Power TV from carrying out any broadcasting activity till July 9, the next date of hearing. Justice S R Krishna Kumar passed the interim order on June 25, after hearing two petitions filed by senior IPS officer Dr B R Ravikanthegowda, and JDS leader HM Ramesh Gowda and his wife Dr A Ramya Ramesh.

Ravikanthegowda sought directions from the court to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to take action on the complaint dated March 4, 2024, and also take steps to stop broadcasting of programmes by Power TV. Ramesh and his wife requested the court to issue directions to the ministry to stop the airing of programmes by Power TV for alleged viola-

tion of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act and Rules, and the policy guidelines for uplinking and downlinking television channels in India.

The counsels of the petitioners argued that despite proceedings already initiated by the central government against the television channel and other private respondents, they are continuing to broadcast without obtaining the necessary renewal of licence. As such, necessary directions may be issued to them not to continue to broadcast without obtaining renewal licence, which is illegal, they told the court.

On behalf of the Union government, the Deputy Solicitor General of India submitted that proceedings have already been initiated against the chan-

nel and private respondents, and they have entered appearance in the proceedings which are pending consideration. A final showcause notice dated February 9, 2024, has been issued by the Union government to those who are contesting the proceedings. In the showcause notice, the ministry stated that the permission for Power TV was valid till October 12, 2021, and its renewal application dated December 30, 2022, is under examination, he argued.

The counsel for Power TV and others produced documents to contend that renewal has been obtained and they have permission to uplink the channel. However, the court noted that the documents indicated that no renewal has been granted in their favour.

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No politics, let's work for Karnataka together, Siddu tells state MPs

At meeting in Delhi, CM appeals to Union ministers to rise above party differences

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah, in a rare gesture, held a meeting of all party MPs of Karnataka in New Delhi on Thursday, where he said there was a need for all Members of Parliament to work together in the interest of the state, with regard to issues of land, water, culture and resources. "This is a meeting in the interest of the state and there is no politics in it, as it is aimed at getting proposals and appeals submitted to the Centre realised," he said in his opening remarks. The meeting in which all 40 MPs, including five ministers, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members took part, drove home the point that the state is above politics and party lines. "This is not a meeting to make allegations against the Centre," the CM stressed.

The Congress government appears to have switched to a harmonious mode from its typical fractious interaction with the Modi-led government.

Ahead of the LS polls, Siddaramaiah had led his MLAs to New Delhi to protest against the Centre on the devolution of tax. This time, Siddaramaiah led his select cabinet colleagues for the meeting on Karnataka's



CM Siddaramaiah and DyCM DK Shivakumar share a light moment with Karnataka MPs of the National Democratic Alliance in New Delhi on Thursday | EXPRESS

development, as five MPs from the state are central ministers. The ministers and other MPs were in full attendance, keeping aside political differences.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Union Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy's gesture was the highlight, while Union Minister for Consumer Affairs Pralhad Joshi, Minister of State for Railways V Somanna and Minister of State for MSMEs Shobha Karandlaje also participated. Siddaramaiah subtly pushed

forward pending projects, advising the MPs to raise their voice both inside Parliament and outside. He said the Mekedatu balancing reservoir project requires approval from the Centre, Kalasa Banduri needs environmental clearance, besides efforts for Upper Bhadra Project. "It's been a year since the Finance Minister made the announcement in her budget," he said, appealing to Sitharaman to release Rs 5,300 crore grant.

He put forth a proposal for AIIMS in Raichur as it would improve the Human Development

Index in Kalyana Karnataka region, sought Rs 18,172 crore drought relief, and a push for the Udan scheme in coastal Karnataka. "We have submitted a proposal to consider Kempegowda International Airport as an Air Cargo Complex, which will accelerate exports and economic activity," he said. He raised the proposal for an IT in Mysuru or Hassan. The CM appealed to Somanna to provide more grants to the state. "We need to make a strong case before the 16th Commission to correct the injustice done in the 15th Finance Commission," he said.

"There has been politics so far, and now the development of the state is primordial and we believe that MPs will work for the welfare of the state with unity," DCM Shivakumar said. Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said he will submit a proposal for grants for modernization of the Home department, when they meet Home Minister Amit Shah.

CM to meet PM Modi

CM Siddaramaiah is scheduled to meet PM Narendra Modi at 8am Saturday. "I will also meet ministers of Surface Transport, Railways, Jal Shakti, Home and Finance," he informed.

Don't discuss DyCM issue in public, CM advises ministers

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WITH ministers openly raking up the issue of the need to create additional Deputy Chief Minister posts in the state, it is learnt that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has directed them not to make any such statements in public.

Sources said the CM spoke to Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna over the phone and asked him not to make any more public statements on the topic of creating additional DyCMs posts. Siddaramaiah is said to have told the ministers that public statements on additional DyCMs would negatively impact the government and the Congress' image.

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar also asked his party colleagues, who have been talking to the media on the ad-

ditional DyCMs matter, to instead talk to the party high command.

"The media can only give publicity, and not solutions. There is no need for some of our partymen to talk to the media about our party matters. I also don't talk about it in the media. They should go to the high command and

seek solutions for their demands," Shivakumar told reporters. Asked about Rajanna's comments about changing the KPCC president, he said, "Good for him, let him approach anyone he wants and find a solution for it."

Rajanna had advocated for additional DyCMs to share power among different communities, claiming it would help the party. He said many ministers also agree with his suggestion for additional DyCMs and a final decision on it will be taken by the party high command.



Rules and regulations prevail in the party: Dr G

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THE seer said the Congress secured 136 seats in the Assembly elections because of Shivakumar. "He (Shivakumar) worked hard, spent money and travelled across the state and mobilised people in favour of Congress," the seer added.

Responding to the seer's statement, Siddaramaiah told reporters that the party high command will take a decision on the matter. Shivakumar, however, refused to comment.

Meanwhile, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said the party has nothing to do with the seer's statement. "Leaders of the party will take decisions on such matters. There are rules and regulations in the party to take such decisions," he said.

No intention to disrespect any leader, says DKS

On some leaders of Vokkaliga Sangha expressing unhappiness over prominent Vokkaliga leaders, including HD Deve Gowda and HD Kumaraswamy, not being invited to the function to mark Kempegowda Jayanthi, DyCM DK Shivakumar said, "There was no intention to disrespect anyone. SM Krishna, Sadananda Gowda, Deve Gowda and Kumaraswamy are all leaders of the community. Officials invited Vokkaliga representatives from Tumakuru, Bengaluru and Bengaluru Rural districts only. Will ensure that all Vokkaliga leaders are invited to the event next year. We have instructed the officials to invite leaders and seers of all Vokkaliga mutts. There is no need to politicise this."

NEW LoP

It's likely to be a 'Ravi vs Ravi' in Council

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

WITH the Leader of Opposition in the Upper House Kota Srinivas Poojari being elected MP, the Opposition BJP is finalising fresh names to take his position in the Council. While senior BJP leader and former national general secretary CT Ravi is a contender, another MLC N Ravi Kumar's name is also doing the rounds.

Poojari, who was Leader of Opposition, won from the Udupi-Chikkamagaluru Lok Sabha seat in the recent Lok Sabha polls. He accordingly resigned from the Council. The BJP is now looking for a strong LoP for the Upper House, who can effectively take on the ruling Congress.

With R Ashoka - the Leader of Opposition in the Assembly - being a Vokkaliga, the chances of CT Ravi, also a Vokkaliga, appear to be slim. Meanwhile, Ravi Kumar, who belongs to the OBC community, seems to be a popular choice. With this, the party can claim to have given equal representation to the Vokkaliga and OBC communities in the House, while BJP state president BY Vijayendra is a Lingayat. Also, Deputy Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, Aravind Bellad, is also a Lingayat.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, a senior BJP leader, on the condition of anonymity, said many leaders and MLCs are keen to make Ravi Kumar the LoP. He has worked towards strengthening the party base and the party high command is keen to make him the Leader of Opposition. The BJP-JDS alliance has more legislators in the House than the Congress. With a full majority government in the state, there is pressure on the saffron party to have a strong LoP.

CT Ravi, who earlier served as minister and national general secretary, is said to be another choice for the party. A Vokkaliga leader, he too finds support among a section of leaders. Another MLC, Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, is also in the race. Vijayendra, who is in Delhi, reportedly spoke about the matter with senior leaders. Meanwhile, there is buzz that Ashoka could be replaced by Sunil Kumar, BJP MLA of Karkala, who is an OBC. With the Session expected to commence in July, Vijayendra may finalise the names.

State lost investment opportunity: BJP

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THE Opposition BJP slammed the state government on Thursday for losing a Rs 2,000-crore investment opportunity to Maharashtra. "This reflects the pathetic state of affairs under the Congress govt which has all but destroyed the status of Karnataka as a first choice destination for investments," BJP state president BY Vijayendra stated.

The BJP leader said "the Congress government in Karnataka lost a Rs 2,000-crore investment

opportunity to neighbouring Maharashtra, due to its sheer callousness and lack of vision towards the development of the state". "How concerning to note that @atherenergy chose to invest in Maharashtra despite having its Headquarters in Karnataka," he stated. He said it reflects the state of affairs under Congress rule.

Reacting, Large and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil on Thursday blamed the BJP government for EV frontrunner Ather's decision to invest in Maharashtra, instead of Karnataka. "The previ-

ous BJP government had sanctioned only 35 acres to Ather, despite the company's request for 50 acres. Out of this, 5 acres of the allocated land was mired in controversy. Frustrated by these issues, Ather returned the land and ultimately decided to shift to Maharashtra," Patil explained. The Congress government promised to sanction 50 acres for Ather near Haralur-Muddenahalli under the single-window scheme. However, by then, Ather had already decided to move to Maharashtra, Patil noted.

LS polls verdict forces Cong to rethink civic, ZP-TP election plans

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

THE BJP-JDS alliance winning a majority of seats in the recently-concluded Lok Sabha elections and delivering its best performance in the Vokkaliga-dominated Old Mysuru region, has made the Congress rethink about holding the much-awaited elections to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Mysore City Corporation and zilla and taluk panchayats.

Though there was pressure from within the party to hold BBMP, corporation and zilla panchayat polls, the Lok Sabha election verdict has dented the morale of Congress leaders and workers. As the BJP-JDS managed to get the lead in 146 assembly segments, BJP and JDS camps are in an upbeat mood and have further cemented their alliance, announcing they will go together in the panchayat elections.



Sources in the Congress revealed that legislators and leaders are in no hurry for elections as an internal survey does not give a favourable opinion. The BJP-JDS would do well in southern districts and wrest power in corporations and panchayats if elections are held now, with its seat-sharing arrangements.

Mysuru City Congress leaders had prevailed on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to hold the corporation election ahead of

Lok Sabha elections, claiming they would win more than 35 of 65 wards. The Congress had won 24, BJP 21 and JDS 18 wards in the corporation. But BJP MP Yaduveer Krishnadutta Narashimmaraja Wadiyar's emphatic win has made Congress leaders change their tone. A senior leader said despite putting up a good fight in the Lok Sabha election, Congress will find it difficult to win more than 12-13 wards if elections are held now. BJP has managed to improve its vote share from 53,000 to 62,000 votes in Hindu-dominated areas like NR Mohalla, Kesare, Yarangahalli, Raghavendra Nagar and others.

Congress legislators in Mysuru, Mandya, Kolar and other districts are also not in favour of zilla and taluk panchayat polls as JDS and BJP candidates have not only won but also got the lead in a majority of assembly segments. Pleading anonymity, they said the tempo of the BJP-JDS victory would subside in a few months, and the Congress has started holding booth and ward-level meetings to introspect and organise the party.

Though zilla and taluk panchayat elections depend on local issues and local candidates, they feel it is best not to rush, as the JDS is ready to compromise to any extent with the BJP to defeat the Congress. Legislators and leaders in Bengaluru have also expressed their opinion to the CM on Congress prospects in the Palike election.

Sources said JDS leaders GT Deve Gowda, Sa Ra Mahesh and others have decided on seat-sharing arrangements based on the strength of the two parties, with the only objective of winning elections and coming to power in ZPs and city corporations.



BENGALURU FOUNDER'S DAY

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar pay obeisance to Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, on the occasion of the 515th Kempegowda Jayanti, at Kanteerava Indoor Stadium in Bengaluru on Thursday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

Sodomy cases: Suraj undergoes medical exam

BENGALURU: CID sleuths probing the two cases of sodomy registered against JDS MLC Suraj Revanna took him to Bowring Hospital here for medical examination on Thursday. Two cases that were registered against Suraj at Holenarasipura Rural police station in Hassan, have been transferred to the CID. Following the examination, Suraj might be taken to Holenarasipura for spot mahazar. Sources in the hospital confirmed that Suraj underwent a normal medical examination. ENS

Cong for judicial probe against Ashoka for 'land scam'

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KPCC Media and Communication chief and former MLC Ramesh Babu on Thursday urged the government to initiate a judicial probe against Leader of Opposition R Ashoka in connection with alleged irregularities in the allotment of 2,500 acres of 'gomala' land or grazing pasture, to beneficiaries under bagair hukum land allotment scam, he urged.

Ashoka had filed a review petition that the FIR registered against him should be quashed, but the High Court rejected it, saying

committee as MLA, there were many irregularities in the distribution of 2,500 acres of land. A case was registered against him with BMTF," he alleged, while addressing the press.

The Congress government should conduct a comprehensive investigation into the bagair hukum land allotment scam, he urged. Ashoka had filed a review petition that the FIR registered against him should be quashed, but the High Court rejected it, saying

the case should be investigated, he said. Ashoka does not have the moral right to criticize the Congress over certain issues because he had brought a restraining order that media should not report anything related to the alleged irregularities in allotment of land in BM Kaval, he said.

"But no one knows details of the case which later went to the Supreme Court," he maintained. Babu also urged CM Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar



'Victim's mother forced to delete shared videos'

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YEDIYURAPPA, 81, is said to have sexually abused a 17-year-old girl when she visited him along with her mother to discuss a previous physical abuse case in which her mother wanted the senior BJP leader to intervene and prevail upon the government to set up a Special Investigation Team to investigate it.

The alleged abuse happened at his Dollars Colony residence in RMV II Extension on February 2, 2024. Details regarding this have been mentioned in the chargesheet. Arun, Rudresh and Mariswamy have been accused of forcing the victim's 54-year-old mother to delete the videos, which she had posted on social media.

Sadashivanagar police had booked Yediyurappa under Section 8 of the POCSO Act and Section 354A of the IPC based on a complaint filed on March 14, 2024. The case was transferred to the CID on March 15 by DG & IGP Alok Mohan. The victim's mother died due to illness at a private hospital in Whitefield on May 27.

to order a probe into the irregularities in the procurement of 143 Marco Polo buses under National Urban Renewal Mission when Ashoka was transport minister. "He has not replied till now with regard to the allegation," he said. In another case related to denotification of land, he was implicated but returned the land after the Congress staged a protest, Babu pointed out. He took a dig at Ashoka for criticising the revision in milk price, claiming that every government in the past had done it and the profit is transferred to dairy farmers.

July monsoon may address Cauvery basin water deficit: CWRC

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

PERSISTENCE of weak monsoon has kept the Cauvery basin dried which drastically reduced water flows to interstate point Biligundlu. The Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) suggested both State governments to conserve water for drinking water and directed Karnataka govt to maintain environmental flows. Also, it suggests keep preparing for crop

sowing as per rainfall activities.

The committee was of the view that the monsoon system would soon be established around July 4 as per IMD forecast, which will address the basin water deficit in the current water year 2024-25. The basin witnessed a severe water crisis in the last water year.

"As per Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), the monsoon system will be estab-

lished again, to get enough water in the Cauvery basin to maintain flow," Vineet Gupta, Chairman, CWRC, told TNIE after conducting 98th meeting. He said there was no decision and direction issued in today's meeting.

"Last time, IMD said that the monsoon would be revived by 19 June which didn't happen so the water deficit persisted in the basin. We will again review the situation on 11 July," said Gupta.



Karnataka has to ensure cumulative realisation at interstate point Biligundlu for the month

of June of 9.19 TMC i.e. about 3550 cusecs per day, in a normal year, as per the final award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT), as modified by the Supreme Court. So far, according to officials, Biligundlu has received less than 2 TMC as against 9.19 TMC by June 30.

Karnataka has made a submission that there is 70% deficit in its four major reservoirs so far. So it would be difficult to comply with the Supreme Court

order. According to its submission, the cumulative inflow into four reservoirs of Karnataka from June 1 to June 24 is 7.307 TMC against the past 30 years average inflow in the same period is 24.448 TMC.

However, Tamil Nadu has demanded that Karnataka has to be directed to ensure 5.367 TMC deficit flows at Biligundlu as on June 24 & also to ensure the flows for the remaining period of June 2024 and 31.24 TMC for

July 2024 as per the schedule prescribed by the CWDT as modified by the Supreme Court. Last week, at the Cauvery Water Management Authority in its 31st meeting, the Authority apparently decided to appoint a team to check and review the hydrological situation in the basin. The next meeting of the CWMA schedule is on July 26, next month. After reviewing the reservoir situation in Karnataka, order will be passed.

ECO-CONSCIOUS

Satellites to alert on forest encroachment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

NOW satellite technology will be used to check on cases of forest encroachment and protect the forest resources.

At a meeting held with officials on Thursday, Forest, Environment and Ecology Minister Eshwar B Khandre said that the forest boundaries have already been mapped, and the latitudes and longitudes have been clearly defined. All the data will be shared with Karnataka State Remote Sensing Application Centre, and they will prepare a warning system that will give alerts on tree felling and land encroachment.

Khandre said, "The centre has been given clear directions to set a satellite based warning system, and ensure its effective implementation, to reduce forest encroachment cases. Forest boundaries are being geo-tagged."

"The deputy chief secretary and environment department have been informed of the same, to ensure better coordination. In case of forest fire incidents, information will be taken from the National Remote Sensing Centre of ISRO, which will then be passed on to the concerned jurisdictional officials. The same system will be followed in cases of felling trees, or forest encroachment, and change of forest land use."

Odisha Congress leaders ask OPCC chief to resign

'Pattanayak should take moral responsibility, party should decide on next action'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhubaneswar

FACTIONALISM has reared its head again in the state unit of the Congress with senior leaders demanding resignation of Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) president Sarat Pattanayak for the party's poor performance in the elections.

Former finance minister Panchanan Kanungo on Thursday said the Congress fought 2024 election with a mission to win 90 Assembly seats and form the government in Odisha. But the party failed to achieve the target and even the OPCC president lost the election miserably from Nuapada Assembly seat. Pattanayak should first resign taking moral responsibility and subsequently, the

party should decide on its next course of action, he said. Kanungo said he had written a letter to the OPCC president demanding that a meeting should be convened to discuss the reasons behind the party's dismal show, but there has been no response so far.

Former OPCC president Jaydev Jena also said it is the moral obligation of Pattanayak to resign from his post as he was responsible for the party's poor performance in the elections. "I was assigned the responsibility to win the elections by the central leadership in 2014. After the party's defeat in the polls, I

owned moral responsibility and announced my resignation from OPCC president's post the same day the results were declared," he said.

After the party's defeat in 2014 polls, I announced my resignation from OPCC president's post...
Jaydev Jena, Former OPCC president

REVANTH REDDY URGES PARTY TO APPOINT NEW HEAD FOR TELANGANA CONGRESS UNIT

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister and Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee president A Revanth Reddy on Thursday said he has informed the AICC to appoint a new chief to head the state unit as he is about to complete his three-year term. Speaking to mediapersons in the national capital, Reddy said he successfully led the party through Assembly and Lok Sabha polls during his tenure. Reddy was appointed as PCC president on June 27, 2021 and took charge on July 7 same year. His three-year term comes to an end on July 7 this year.

WATER LEVEL RISES IN CAUVERY, INFLOW TO HARANGI INCREASES



River Cauvery at Bethri, near Murnad has risen after the rain on Thursday.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madikeri

HEAVY rain lashed various parts of Kodagu on Thursday morning. However, the district saw some respite during the evening hours. The Cauvery rose drastically across all the catchment areas and the inflow to Harangi Dam increased.

Madikeri taluk recorded 160.07 mm rainfall over 24 hours till Thursday morning. In the city limits, a minor landslide was recorded at Thyagaraja Nagar that caused damage to compound walls of a few houses.

Following the downpour, Cauvery river at Bethri near Murnad has risen, and is likely to flood the bridge, if heavy rain continues.

Water level of the river across Kushalnagar increased following bountiful rain. At Yemmamadu near Napoklu, a minor landslide was reported. Tourist are prohibited from visiting Dubare until further notice, as the water level of the Cauvery river is rising.

At Ammathi in South Kodagu, a car was damaged after an electric pole came

crashing down. Resident Naveen was driving to pick up his children from school when a tree uprooted and fell in front of his car.

Once he stopped his car, an electric pole suddenly fell on the vehicle. But he escaped without any injuries.

The inflow to Harangi was increased to 1,400 cusecs and the reservoir has already filled up to 2,832.65, while its capacity is 2,859 feet.

200 cusecs of water from the reservoir was let out to the rivers as Harangi region recorded 47.50 mm rainfall in 24 hours. Bhagamandala in Madikeri taluk recorded 212 mm rainfall on Thursday even as Cauvery is fast filling up.

Power cuts were witnessed across Gonikoppal following damage to several electric lines due to heavy downpour.

A bridge connecting a residential layout in Haturu panchayat limits was flooded even as barricades were kept to stop commute on the bridge. Overall, the district recorded 92.22 mm rainfall in 24 hours as compared to 3.91 mm rain during the same time last year.



A seaside road was washed away as high waves lash the Kozhikode coast during rain on Thursday. The IMD has issued an orange alert for Kasaragod, Kannur, and Wayanad, and yellow alert for nine districts, including Kozhikode | E GOKUL

Traffic piles up on NH-75 due to crack on road

Hassan: The concrete stretch on Bengaluru-Mangaluru NH-75 was damaged near Anemahal of Sakleshpur taluk due to heavy rain on Thursday. A portion of the newly constructed road developed a major crack for 10 yards. The vehicular traffic was disrupted as vehicles parked in a long queue on either side of the stretch, fearing further cracks. Sakleshpur Rural police rushed to the spot and streamlined the traffic. Drivers and passengers of the vehicles and local people urged NHAI engineers to take immediate steps to repair the stretch as landslides may take place in future due to the density of traffic.

Kukke Subramanya bathing point inundated

Mangaluru: Water level in the Nethravathi and Kumaradhara rivers went up substantially as Dakshina Kannada witnessed continuous heavy rainfall on Thursday. The IMD has issued a red alert for Dakshina Kannada until Friday, and an orange alert for Saturday. The overflowing bathing point of Kukke Sri Subrahmanya temple prompted authorities to stop devotees from accessing the bathing point. Home guards and temple guards were deployed at the bathing point to prevent any untoward incident. Retaining wall of a masjid in Harekala of Bantwal taluk collapsed on Thursday.



Kumaradhara river at Kukke Subramanya inundated due to rain on Thursday

Three escape as another retaining wall collapses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

THREE members of a family including two children had a providential escape when a retaining wall collapsed on their house at the hilly terrain of Bannur in Puttur Town on Thursday morning.

Puttur City Municipal Council Commissioner Madhu S Manohar said the incident took place around 4:45 am, when the family was asleep.

The retaining wall of a house located on a higher elevation and belonged to one Bharat, collapsed on the house of Majeed. Bharat had purchased the property about a month ago after which he built the retaining wall on the cut hill. The retaining wall was devoid of foundation, because of which it collapsed, pointed out Madhu.

"The wall which slid down following heavy rains fell on on the bedroom of Majid's house, where his kids were sleeping. Majid and his wife were in another room. One child sustained minor injuries," he said.

Puttur City Municipal Council Commissioner Madhu S Manohar said that the survey of vulnerable houses in Puttur town has begun, and people living in such houses will be shifted to the safe zone.

JLR safaris in Kabini to come down, forest dept to get more vehicles

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE most sought after niche safari in the state, offered by Jungle Lodges and Resorts in Kabini, Antarsanth range of Nagarhole Tiger Reserve will be soon be reduced, under the new proposed tiger reserve conservation plan.

The Karnataka forest department has sent a new tiger conservation area management plan to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), in which it has proposed to reshuffle the number of trips that department vehicles and JLR vehicles will make.

The new draft proposes to increase the number of vehicles in NTR from 36 to 45, of which 29 vehicles are proposed for JLR and 16 for the forest department. At present, JLR ferries 36 vehicles and the forest

department has 9.

It has also been proposed to reduce the number of JLR safari vehicles in Bandipur Tiger Reserve. After adding two more vehicles and increasing the tally of vehicles to 31, the draft proposes to allot 12 to JLR and 19 to the forest department. Earlier, the division was 14 and 17, respectively.

The tiger conservation area management plan of tiger reserves expired in March 2024. To continue with eco-tourism and other works, including conservation, a dedicated plan is needed and has to be approved by NTCA.

"So far, we have sent the project plan of BTR and NTR. Drafts of the other tiger reserves - Kali, BRT and Bhadra - are still being finalised. The carrying capacity of each tiger reserve is being revised based

on multiple factors, including footfall, number of vehicles plying, animal population, routes, areas opened for tourism, fragility of the forests and geographical area. In the new proposal, the department is keen on revising the boundaries of buffer zones based on climatic changes and instances of man-animal conflict," a senior forest department official told TNIE.

The official added that Supreme Court orders, NTCA guidelines and other wildlife acts have been kept in mind while drafting the new proposal.

On whether the increase in number of vehicles adds pressure to the eco-system and stress levels of animals, the official added that the number of vehicles will be divided uniformly.

DIGNITY SHELTER

Karnataka to get first short-term shelter for LGBTQIA+

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA will get its first-ever short-term shelter for the Assigned Female at Birth (AFAB) Queer and Transmasculine community centre in Bengaluru. The three-bedroom shelter can house 8 to 10 people, depending on the severity of the cases, and aims to be a haven for the community members for approximately 2 to 3 months.



Developed by Bengaluru-based NGO RAAHI: A Journey Towards Dignity Shelter, the

centre will be inaugurated on June 29 at 11am at Natyapriya's Nruthyakshetra, School of Performing Arts.

The shelter will also provide pro bono legal assistance and access to mental health support to all AFAB community members. This facility will also be available to persons with intersex variations, lesbians and bisexuals. The location of the centre has not been disclosed due to confidentiality matters, and to protect the privacy of the

community members. However, individuals can contact the NGO directly to secure more information in times of need.

Trust founder Suchithra KK said there is a lack of awareness when individuals go through different procedures related to their sex, and needs immediate attention from all stakeholders. "There is no safe space for transpeople, however, that does not make the community invisible. They exist in the same society and should

get their dues," she added.

RAAHI will also hold sensitisation training as well as meetings with government departments, hospitals and the police to gain more support in guarding the LGBTQIA+ community. A series of events will be held to create awareness about issues such as gender discrimination and hate crimes. The initiative is funded by Azim Premji Foundation and Mariwala Health Initiative.

Next K'taka CS: Will Siddu pick own man?

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

WITH Chief Secretary Rajneesh Goel due to retire, the names of officers who are likely to succeed him are doing the rounds. There are five officers on the list, with the senior most being Goel's wife Shalini Rajneesh, who retires in July 2027, and second in line is Gaurav Gupta, who retires in June 2027.

The third is LK Atheeq, who is serving CM Siddaramaiah as Additional Chief Secretary in charge of the CMO for the past year. He had worked closely with Siddaramaiah as his Principal Secretary during his previous tenure of 2013-18, and is said to be close to him. Atheeq, a 1991 batch officer, retires in January 2025. It may be recalled that Atheeq had emerged as a dark horse at the last minute, and took over as Principal Secretary to the CM, a position for which then Principal Secretary ISN Prasad was considered a favourite.

Sources said that a few months ago, some leaders had raised Atheeq's name for CS, and done so again more recently with Siddaramaiah. According to the civil service officers' seniority list, if Atheeq becomes CS, he will remain in the post for seven months until he retires in January next year. Thereafter, he can be considered for an extension, as some states have a tradition of extensions. If he is considered for the post, Atheeq will be overtaking many seniors - Shalini Rajneesh and Gaurav Gupta, who is a batch junior to Shalini Rajneesh. The other two names above Atheeq are Ajay Seth, who is Union Finance Secretary and is handling a far bigger portfolio, and Atul Tiwari, who is also on Central deputation and may not choose to relocate to Karnataka just now.

All eyes are on the CM, who is expected to make his choice known in a day or two. If the CM goes strictly by seniority, he could choose Shalini Rajneesh.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public, that I, **K.B. JYOTHI**, W/o. Late. K.S. Balaji, aged about 65 years, residing at No.610, Komaria Nivas, 15th Cross, 100 Feet Ring Road, J.P. Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560 078. I am the absolute owner in peaceful physical possession and enjoyment of the schedule property, which was acquired through Registered Gift Deed dated 02.01.2009, if any person/s who allegedly claiming in respect of the schedule property of created documents, those documents are invalid documents and I am not responsible for future consequences.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.610, Komaria Nivas, 15th Cross, 100 Feet Ring Road, J.P. Nagar 1st Phase, Ward No.57, Bengaluru-560078, measuring East to West 24.38 meters and North to South 36.57 meters, in all measuring 891.57 square meters, consists of 26 square RCC building with vacant space, and bounded on:

East by: Site No.608, **West by:** Site No.611 **North by:** Site No.623 and 624, **South by:** Road.

K.B. JYOTHI, W/o. Late. K.S. Balaji, aged about 65 years, residing at No.610, Komaria Nivas, 15th Cross, 100 Feet Ring Road, J.P. Nagar, 19th Phase, Bengaluru-560078.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given to Public at large that the property mentioned in Schedule here in below is owned by (1) **Smt. Munithayamma W/o Munithayappa** claims to be the owner of the said property and has assured us that they are in possession of the said property. They have further assured that they have clear and marketable title and the said property is free from all encumbrance and has full rights to sell the said property. The **Smt. Munithayamma W/o Munithayappa** decided to Sale the said property to my client and received some amount as a part payment, are investigating the title of the owner of the captioned said property on behalf and instruction of our client **Knob Group**, if any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in respect of the said property by way of sale, inheritance, bequest, exchange, gift, possession, trust, mortgage, lease, license, ten, charge, tenancy, its pendency, development rights, maintenance, easement or under any agreement of Sale or Power of Attorney, option, right of first refusal or pre-emption whatsoever or otherwise howsoever, is hereby requested to make the same known in writing with documentary proof to the undersigned at the address mentioned here in below within 07 days from the date of the publication of this notice, failing which the Sale transaction shall be completed without any reference to such right, title, interest, claim or demand and the same shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents and purposes, claims without documentary proofs and/or objections directly published in Newspaper shall not be considered as valid.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All piece and parcel of the agricultural immovable property in the survey No. 61/11 measuring 37 Guntas, Situated at Chokkanahalli Village, Hesaragatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on:

With Respect to Survey No. 61/12:

All piece and parcel of the agricultural immovable property in the survey No. 61/12 measuring 3 acre 30 guntas, and 6 guntas kharab, Situated at Chokkanahalli Village, Hesaragatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on:

East By: Land belongs to Munithayamma; **West By:** Land belongs to Nanjundappa; **North By:** Survey No. 61/11; **South By:** Private Property; **Madhura S., Advocate** AR LEGAL FIRM

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE

4th Floor, Telephone House, (SSN) Building, Rajbhawan Road, Bangalore-560001

O.A. No. 229/2019

Between: **Corporation Bank Indiranagar Branch** ...Applicant

And **Smt. B T Hemavathi** ...Defendant

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(vii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Defendant **Smt. B T Hemavathi** W/o Sri K. Nataraj Aged about 35 years Proprietrix, Shree Maruthi Provision Stores No.60, Sri Rama Temple Road Domlur, Bangalore-560 071.

SUMMONS

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application U/s 19 of the Recovery Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the Defendant for the recovery of sum of **Rs.10,97,914/-** mentioned herein together with current future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendant is hereby directed to appear before this Honble Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent in support of your defense to show causes within 30 days from the date of Publication or on **19.06.2024** at **10:30 a.m.** as why the reliefs/prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal on this the **19th day of Feb, 2024.**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore

STATE BANK OF INDIA
RACPC, Shankarpuram (54063)

NO. 13/1, 3rd Floor, BULL TEMPLE ROAD, OPP SRI RAMA KRISHNA ASHRAMA, BASAVANAGUDI, BANGALORE-560 004, Tel: 080-25943005
Email : support.shankarpuram@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

A/c No. HL 42223744875, 4223160665

Whereas,

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India, RACPC Shankarpuram, Bengaluru** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **10.04.2024** calling upon the **Borrower : Sri. Manojit Dasgupta S/o. Sri. Manosh Bhushan Dasgupta** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 1,77,54,780/-** (Rupees One Crore Seventy Seven Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Nine Only) as on 09.04.2024. You are also liable to pay further interest from 10.04.2024 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/mortgagee having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgagee and the public in general that the undersigned, being the Authorised Officer of the **State Bank of India, RACPC Shankarpuram, Bengaluru** has taken possession of the property of **Sri. Manojit Dasgupta S/o. Sri. Manosh Bhushan Dasgupta**, in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002, on **26.06.2024**.

The borrower/mortgagee in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs. 1,79,66,492/-** (Rupees One Crore Seventy Nine Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Two Only) as on 26.06.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 26.06.2024 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. thereon.

The borrower/mortgagee's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Schedule 'A' Property : All that piece and parcel of immovable property being vacant land measuring East to West: 172 feet and North to South: 434 feet, totally measuring an extent of 74,648 Sq. feet, bearing Plot No. 2, Rajajinagar Industrial Suburb bearing Municipal No.49/4 (Old No.49) and assigned PID No.10-1-49/4 by the BBMP and bounded on **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Property belonging to Mr.Gopal Reddy, **South by:** BBMP Road.

Schedule 'B' Property : Residential Apartment bearing No. 321 (B3 F2 A1 - Block 3, Floor 2, Apartment 1) situated on Third Floor (as per the revised plan sanction accorded by the BBMP with the said apartment being mentioned as located on the second Floor in the original plan sanction accorded by the BBMP) of Block 3 of the Project known as "PRATHAM INDRAPRASTHA" developed on the Schedule A Property with Super Built up Area 1,295 Sq. feet (Carpet Area of 835.58 Sq. feet and integral balconies of 120.70 Sq. feet) with RCC roofing, vitrified tile flooring, doors and windows as one composite immovable property along with the right to own 0.38% of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprised in the Schedule A Property measuring 269.05 Sq. feet, in an undivided state which forms a part of the common areas in the Project to be conveyed to the "Association of Allottees" post its formation as mandated under RERA, along with One Covered Car Parking space earmarked for the sole use and enjoyment of the purchasers, standing in the name of **Sri. Manojit Dasgupta S/o. Sri. Manosh Bhushan Dasgupta**.

Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
RACPC Shankarpuram, Bengaluru.

Date : 26.06.2024
Place : Bengaluru

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Retail Assets Central Processing Centre. RACPC-4, White Field (17753)
No.117, Ground Floor, Neel Rao Towers, Road No. 3, EPIP Phase 1, White Field Road, Bengaluru - 560 066.
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POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

A/c No. HL 65229604727, Saraksha 65229611871

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India, RACPC, Whitefield, Bengaluru** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **23.04.2024** calling upon the borrowers : (1) **Smt. Cardella Mary George W/o. Sri. Sabastian George** and (2) **Sri. Sabastian George S/o. Sabastian** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 23,72,290/-** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Only) as on 21.04.2024. You are also liable to pay further interest from 22.04.2024 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/mortgagee having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/mortgagee and the public in general that the undersigned, being the Authorised Officer of the **State Bank of India, RACPC, Whitefield, Bengaluru** has taken possession of the property of **Smt. G. Cardella George W/o. Sri. R.S. George**, in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002, on **26.06.2024**.

The borrowers/mortgagee in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs. 24,18,185/-** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Eighteen Thousand Eighty Five Only) as on 24.06.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 25.06.2024 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. thereon.

The borrower/mortgagee's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description Of Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of residential immovable House Property bearing No.130, Katha No.29, Old No.30, situated at Singayanapalya Devasandra Dakhle, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently comes within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.55, Bangalore, previously within the limits of Krishnarajapura City Municipal Council, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 13 1/2 feet and North to South: 30 feet, totally measuring in all about 405 Sq. feet, standing in the name of **Smt.G.Cardella George W/o. Sri.R.S.George** and bounded on **East by:** Passage and remaining property of the vendors, **West by:** House belongs to Shamanna, **North by:** Remaining property of the vendors, **South by:** Road.

Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
RACPC-4, Whitefield, Bengaluru.

Date : 26.06.2024
Place : Bengaluru

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

E-TENDER NOTICE

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for the following item(s):-

Sr.No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos) Sets	EMD(₹)
1.	14241105/17.07.2024	PVC Flooring Roll	1722 Nos.	624400/-
2.	13245020A/22.07.2024	XRF Analyzer as per Spec.	3 Nos.	132310/-
3.	21.06.2024 (PL NO. 6415181)	Q.M./XRF/TS-19 DT-07/03/2019 and modification spec dated 21.06.2024 (PL NO. 6415181)		
3.	17241321/29.07.2024	Supply & Application of set	73 Sets	318720/-
4.	17241319/25.07.2024	(1) Set of FRP Modular Toilet with manufacturing process SMC for LHB	1) 850 Set	5000000/-
5.	12241248/22.07.2024	Supply, Installation and commissioning of One Rake set of Vacuum Evacuation system for Train Set, One Rake Consists of 2 DTC Coaches.	16 Set	2000000/-
6.	17241355/24.07.2024	Aluminium Composite Panel Size 3X1350X1850MM	54868 Nos	2000000/-
7.	12241182/01.08.2024	Small Window (Fixed)	712 Nos.	51260/-
8.	01241253/01.08.2024	Air Spring 180 KN for MEMU Coaches	233 Sets	1991590/-
9.	01241138/30.07.2024	Safety Wire Rope Assy	3554 Nos.	0
10.	05241219A/25.07.2024	Emergency Brake Pull Box	18597 Nos.	2000000/-
11.	01241221/24.07.2024	Set of Assembled Control Arms	1418 Sets	2000000/-
12.	05241369A/22.07.2024	Set of Chassis for LHB Coaches	335 Sets	156540/-
13.	05241469/26.07.2024	Set of Cab Door Assembly LH & RH	104 Sets	150900/-
14.	04241052/18.07.2024	Steel coils two types	20000 kgs+ 20000 kgs	68000/-
15.	01241242/01.08.2024	Brake Beam Inner	900 Nos.	66610/-
16.	05231141B/23.07.2024	Set of Pipe Sealing Kit	1022 Set	1049190/-
17.	05241555/24.07.2024	Set of Roof Sheet for LHB	400 Set	1702340/-
18.	05241270A/30.07.2024	Set of Longitudinal Beam	48 Set	140470/-
19.	05241485/31.07.2024	Set of Frame	114 Sets	111380/-

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit Website <http://ireps.gov.in> Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website <http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in>. Class IIIB digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at website <http://www.cce.gov.in>. 2. All Limited tenders and Advertised tenders will normally close at 11:25 Hrs and 14:25 Hrs respectively on the stipulated date and will be opened at 11:30 Hrs and 14:30 Hrs. 3. Tender at Sr. No. 1 to 7 will be opened at RCF, Kapurthala and Tender at Sr. No. 8 to 19 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002. 4. For queries contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF Helpdesk at 011-23378658. Note: "GST No. of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them".

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CORRIGENDUM: (1) Tender No. 14241038B Due date may be read as 01.07.2024 instead of 21.06.2024. (2) Tender No. 13235365A for Procurement of Direct Part Marking Machine (Laser Based) as per spec. no. MECH/M&P/3400/GM/10 Rev-Nil Due date may be read as 04.07.2024 instead of 24.06.2024. (3) Tender No. 13245149 for Procurement of Shot Blasting Plant for Bogie as per spec no. Mech/M&P/3700/ Rev-Nil Due date may be read as 03.07.2024 instead of 25.06.2024. (4) Tender No. 17241148 for procurement of Interior Stickers GS, AC3T & SCN Coaches Due date may be read as 01.07.2024 instead of 25.06.2024. (5) Tender No. 14231276B Due date may be read as 01.07.2024 instead of 24.06.2024. (6) Tender No. 14231275B Due date may be read as 09.07.2024 instead of 24.06.2024. Qty. may be read as 124 Nos. instead of 40 Nos. & EMD may be read as Rs. 588800/- instead of 189930/- (7) Tender No. 14241101 Due on 05.07.2024 Item Description may be read as Item Description is Updated. Terms & Conditions may be read as Additional Terms & Conditions is Incorporated. (8) Tender No. 07241271 Due on 16.07.2024 Quantity may be read as 371419 Nos. instead of 178832 Nos. and Earnest Money may be read as Rs. 359385/- instead of Rs. 173040/- (9) Tender No. 07241184 Due date may be read as 16.07.2024 instead of 30.05.2024 and Drawing/Spec for P.L.No. 33672600 may be read as MPLFIATHTHW v03 instead of MPLFIATHTHW ver 02. (10) Tender No. 05241300 for Partition Frame Set Due date may be read as 08.07.2024 instead of 28.06.2024. (11) Tender No. 13245028B for Procurement of Bio-metric Attendance Machines Due date may be read as 04.07.2024 instead of 26.06.2024. (12) Tender No. 05241364 for Sliding Door arrangement (RH & LH) Due date may be read as 03.07.2024 instead of 26.06.2024. (13) Tender No. 05241366 for Sliding Door arrangement Due date may be read as 03.07.2024 instead of 26.06.2024. (14) Tender No. 05241368 for Sliding Door (LH & RH) Due date may be read as 03.07.2024 instead of 26.06.2024. (15) Tender No. 01241075 for Fully Assembled Improved Bogies Compatible with IR-LHB Coaches (+ 1 item) Due date may be read as 10.07.2024 instead of 27.06.2024.

R.O. No. 36-S/2024-25
Dated: 27.06.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that, I **Santosh Singh** S/o. Ram Lal Singh, Resident at Flat No. K. No. 33, Block-B, Sector-61, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, I had lost my original Sale Deed and other documents pertaining to my immovable property i.e., Flat No. C-101, in the First Floor, Apartment constructed in converted Sy.No. 351/96/1, situated at Doddashahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring about 1280 Sq.Ft. Undivided Share 918.31 Sq.Ft. Right title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in the Schedule 'K' HEREIN in the residential Apartment Known as "SRK SILICANA". The said sale Deed Document No. BGR-1-05371-2010-11, Book No.1, C.D. No. BGR063 dated on 31.12.2010 registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Begur, Bengaluru South Taluk. The documents were lost on 25.03.2018, timing 10 AM to 5 PM while shifting the House at the Flat No. A-04, Akki Residency, Gunjur Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560087 and I had filed e- Lost Complaint, the Lost Report No. 1114967/2024. Dated on 25/06/2024. If anybody search the same kindly intimate to the above said address.

Santosh Singh, Mobile: 9860772926
Date: 26/06/2024

PIRAMAL CAPITAL AND HOUSING FINANCE LTD
CIN: L65910MH1984PLC032639
Registered Office: Unit No.-601, 8th Floor, Piramal Amli Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction, Opp. Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kuria (west), Mumbai-400070 -T +91 22 3602 4000
Branch Office: No. 13, Old No. 5, 1st Main Road Near Kodava Samaja, Vasanth Nagar (Bengaluru), Karnataka- 560052
Contact Person: 1. Mr Anand Kumar N- 9538534358 2. Rakesh Chander- 9663368260 3. Vishal Ketele- 9584966653

E-Auction Notice – Fresh Sale

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on "As Is Where Is Basis", "As Is What Is Basis" and "Whatever Is There Is Basis", Particulars of which are given below:

Loan Code / Branch / Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Property Address - final	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Outstanding Amount (25-06-2024)
Loan Code No. M0090751, Bengaluru - Jayanagar (Branch), Saraswathi V (Borrower), Murali A (Co Borrower 1) Radhama K (Guarantor 1)	Dt: 10-01-2023, Rs. 4661413/-, (Rs. Forty Six lakh Sixty One Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen Only)	All The Piece And Parcel Of The Property Having An Extent : Flat No G01 G02 Site No 342 343 Neeladri Residency 4Th Cross Naidu Layout Bangalore 560100	Rs. 5577000/- (Rs. Fifty Five lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Only)	Rs. 557700/- (Rs. Fifty Five lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Only)	Rs. 5574766/- (Rs. Fifty Five lakh Seventy Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Six Only)

DATE OF E-AUCTION: 30-07-2024, FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 2.00 P.M. (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 29-07-2024, BEFORE 4.00 P.M.

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in www.piramalfinance.com/e-auction.html or email us at piramal.auction@piramal.com

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGEE

The above mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) notice in full with accrued interest till date before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost from borrower/guarantor.

Date : 28.06.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- (Authorised Officer)
Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited shal Tower Plot No-23, New Rohtak Road Karol Bagh New Delhi-110005

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/ Loan Account & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Tasleem/ Khurasheeda (LBSA)H000057957789 & Kajivada Uttari, Buduna Uttar Pradesh Muzaffarnagar- 251309	House Situated At Village-Budhana, Mohalla -chamoran-1, Fargana And Tehsil Budhana, District Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh- 251309	03/06/2024 Rs. 20,93,805/-	03/03/2024

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: June 28, 2024
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely, Authorised Signatory
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

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Registered Office at : No. 5BC-110, Varasiddhi, 3rd Floor, Outer Ring Road, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043.
Website www.varthana.com, Email: care@varthana.com Phone: 080-68455777, Branch Office : :5BC-110, 3rd Floor, Varasiddhi, Outer Ring Road, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Mortgagee(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Bangalore** (Formerly known as Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd), will be sold on **16-07-2024 (Tuesday)** at 1 p.m., "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis, for recovery of below mentioned loan account. The details of the Borrower(s) Mortgagee(s) Secured Assets/ Dues/ Reserve Price/ Auction date & time, EMD & Bid increase amount are mentioned below:

Name of The Borrowers/Mortgagees : 1. **M/s New Citizens High School**, Represented by its Authorised Signatory, 2. **M/s New Citizens Education Society**, Represented by its Authorised Signatory, 3. **Mr. Ashraf Ulla Khan S/o. Gouse Khan B malhi, 4. Mrs. Hasene W/o. Abdul Subaan.**
Loan Account No BLR087425, S18BLR-BLR-002102.

Details of Total Outstanding Amount in Rupees : Rs.44,53,036/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Thirty Six Only) as on date **26-06-2024**, together with further agreed contractual rate of interest plus legal costs charges, ill realization of the entire amount.

Details of Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Southern Portion of New Kola No. 1308/1485/- 108, Property No.108, Measuring 1316 Sq Ft. Situated at Kadugondahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore and bounded on, East by: Private Property, North By: Tabraizulla's Property, West By: 15/1 Road, South By: Private Property.

Reserve Price of above Property will be Rs.78,96,000/- (Rupees Seventy Eighty Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit will be (EMD is 10% of the Reserve Price) Rs.7,89,600/-.

Known Encumbrances, if any : Nil.

Intending bidders should submit their EMD amount and Bid amount along with KYC documents (PAN Card and Aadhaar/Voters ID/Driving Licence) and Rs. 1,000/- being Non-refundable Tender fee by way of Demand Draft/ Pay Order drawn on a Scheduled Bank, favoring "M/s. Varthana Finance Private Limited", payable at **Bangalore before 11 a.m. on or before 16-07-2024 (Tuesday).**

The Auction will be held at :Varasiddhi, 5BC-110, 3rd Floor, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Bangalore- 560043 on **16-07-2024 (Tuesday) at 1.00 p.m.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in Company's website i.e. : www.varthana.com. The prospective bidders may contact the Authorized Officer Mrs. Veenu Y.M- Phone No.990647241, Mr. Lokesh.G- Phone No.9886762620.

Date : 28-06-2024, **Place :** Bangalore
Authorised Officer, Varthana Finance Private Limited

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
ENGINEERING DIVISION KALABURGI

No: HFWE/EE/DIVN/KLB/AE-1/BM-SCP, 059 & 200, RIMS/T -CALL-2 and 3/2024-25/277 Date: 27-06-2024

:: TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

The Executive Engineer, H & FWD Engineering Division Kalaburgi invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in KPWD/eligible Company Registration certificate registered under companies Act in two cover tender document system in KPPP Portal.

1) Description of work : 1. Upgradation of Basic Amenities to PHC Chittavadagi in Hospet Taluka of Vijayanagar District (I-263) Call-3, 2. Repairs to CHC Karatagi in Karatagi Taluka of Koppal District. (Indent No. 357) Call-3, 3. Providing and Installation of Passenger/Bed Hospital Lifts to Rajiv Gandhi Super speciality (OPEC) Hospital at Raichur in Raichur Dist. (INDENT No:383) Call-3, 4. Repairs and Renovation to CHC at Saidapur in Gurnumtil Taluka of Yadgir District. (Indent No:203) Call-2, 2) Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lakhs) : Minimum 4.85, Maximum : 70.00, 3) Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. In Lakhs) : Minimum 0.061, Maximum : 1.32, 4) Stipulated Period for completion (Including Monsoon) : For Sl. No. 1 and 2 - 2 Months and Sl. No. 3 & 4 - 3 Months, 5) Contractor Eligibility: For Sl. No. 1, 3 and 4 - Class-III & Above, and Sl. No. 2 - Class-IV& Above (ST)

Calendar of Events:

1) Last date & time for receipt of Tender Online in the e-procurement portal : **12-07-2024 up to 16:00 hours**, 2) Last date & time for opening of technical bids : **15-07-2024 at 11:00 hours**

The tender details can be downloaded from the KPPP Portal platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at (<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>) and tender processing fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the KPPP platform to participate in this tender.

Note: 1. All the rights are reserved by the under signed for postponement of entire tender process. rejection of bids/ individual bid ets, without assigning any reason. 2. Henceforth any changes in the schedule/contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on KPPP Portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
H & FWD Engineering Division, Kalaburgi

DIPR/Kalaburgi/130/KSMC&A/2024-25

AXIS BANK
Retail Lending and Payment Group (Local Office/Branch): Axis Bank Limited, Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru, Karnataka, 560009.
Axis Bank Ltd., 3rd Floor, Gigaplex, NPC – 1, TTC Industrial Area, Mugalsan Road, Airoli, Navi Mumbai – 400 708.
Registered Office: "Trishul", 3rd Floor Opp. Samartheshwar Temple Law Garden, Ellisbridge Ahmedabad – 380006.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 Sub Rule (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property is mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on **30th Jul 2024** for recovery of **Rs.30,24,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Two Hundred Only) dues as on **24.01.2022** with future interest and costs due to the secured creditor from (Borrower/Mortgagor) **Mr. Mansoor Ahmed, 2. Mrs. Meera Sameem Haja Mohsdeen, (Co-Aplicant/Mortgagor)**. Both are residing at: #223, Black C Anisha Garden, 29th Cross, Kaggadasa, Near Shiv Temple, Bangalore-560093, **Also At: Mr. Mansoor Ahmed**, Infineon Technologies, No.11, MG Road, Prestige Thirulaksh, Bangalore - 560001 **Also At: Mrs. Meera Sameem Haja Mohsdeen**, Cisco Systems India Pvt Ltd., Cessna Business Park, Kadubeesan Ahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Sarjapura, Bangalore – 560103 in **Loan No. PHR051404002629**. Please refer the appended auction schedule for necessary details:-

KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES (IF ANY)	Not known to the secured creditor. The unpaid charges towards electricity, maintenance, Tax etc. if any, as applicable.
RESERVE PRICE (IN RS.)	Rs. 74,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Only)
EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (IN RS.)	Rs.7,40,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Forty thousand Only) through DD/PO in favor of Axis Bank Ltd., payable at Bangalore.
BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT	Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)
LAST DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS / TENDER WITH EMD	Till 29th Jul 2024 latest by 04:00 P.M. at Axis Bank Ltd. # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Uravashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore – 560 027, Addressed to Mr. Raghunath
DATE, TIME, AND VENUE FOR PUBLIC E-AUCTION	On 30th Jul 2024

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— Ramnath Goenka

COOPERATION NEEDED TO END CONTINUED PARALYSIS OF PARLIAMENT

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi gave a positive start to the 18th Lok Sabha by calling for consensus in policy-making and governance. The need for constructive cooperation between the government and the opposition cannot be overstated, especially in light of the abysmal record of our parliament's atmospherics over the past few years. The complete lack of cooperation between the two sides has led to bitter confrontation and paralysis of the legislature. The gridlock is a failure on part of the elected representatives to serve the interests of the people.

The PM's initial conciliatory tone notwithstanding, the first session of the new Lok Sabha has witnessed animosity between the government and the opposition. The first resolution presented by the reappointed Speaker, on the Emergency, was seen as a slight on the Congress. The principal opposition party was quick to respond, calling the Speaker's resolution unprecedented. The Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi, led a delegation to the Speaker to convey their objection to a political reference from the chair. In this, the legislators missed a chance to come together and condemn the Emergency with a unified voice. Opposition parties also saw the president's first address to the joint session of parliament as papering over some of the most serious issues facing the country. Meanwhile, some other opposition parties called for removing the Sengol from the Lok Sabha. The acrimonious exchange included a Samajwadi Party MP calling it a symbol of monarchy rather than the people's rule. RJD and AAP leaders supported the position. It seems the treasury and the opposition were bent on picking on each other.

While the people are struggling with grave issues like farm distress, exam paper leaks and joblessness, parliamentarians are back to their usual sabre-rattling and point-scoring over issues unconnected with the country's larger problems. The people's representatives must break the cycle of disruption and work towards evolving consensus over policy interventions needed to address the issues. It's important for the treasury benches and the opposition to find a middle ground where debates and exchange of views can happen. The prime minister said that while a majority is necessary to run the government, consensus is crucial to govern the country. It is time for parliament to work with this spirit.

DON'T POLITICISE EFFORT TO SAVE FLORA & FAUNA

KARNATAKA'S forest minister Eshwar Khandre may have won a small battle in the big war for conservation when he halted the transfer of 401.57 hectares of forest in Ballari district to Kudremukh Iron Ore Company (KIOC) for mining. Heeding environmentalists' protests, he struck down the approval given by Union steel and heavy industries minister H D Kumaraswamy a week ago and saved 99,330 trees from the axe, saying the denudation would lead to soil erosion and flooding. He also cited that KIOC was a repeat offender and had polluted the Bhadra river with open-cast mining.

The Devadari forest in Sandur is home to the endangered four-horned antelope, besides sloth bears and other wildlife species, and lies a few kilometres from the Daroji and Gudekote sloth bear sanctuaries. This swathe of forest—with a rich biodiversity of teak, sandalwood, honne and other indigenous plants—has attracted mining interests for over a decade. The Sandur case has been a Centre-state dispute since 2016. Faced with the Centre's proposal for mining in the forest areas of the Swamimalai ore block, Karnataka's forest officials decided against granting a lease. The decision was taken on the back of a 2014 report that said mining would change local weather patterns and lead to ecosystem imbalance, with disastrous consequences for the water system, flora and fauna. Ballari district had already been ravaged by illegal mining carried out by the Reddy brothers in the late 1990s and 2000s. The proposal went back and forth until 2020, when the B S Yediyurappa-led BJP government set aside the forest department report and greenlighted the lease to KIOC; the central forest and environment ministry approved the project in 2022. As a state opposition leader, Kumaraswamy had himself opposed mining in the Swamimalai block, but is now the voice of the Centre.

It is in everyone's best interests that the issue does not escalate into a political power show. Almost always, it is the poor and dispossessed who pay the price for erroneous government decisions; Joshimath is one prime example. Building roads through mountains, ore mining and sand mining are activities that wreak havoc on forests and rivers. As we battle heatwaves, floods and other climatic extremes, we hope our governments will act responsibly with a vision that benefits future generations.

QUICK TAKE

CHINA'S MISSION, MANKIND'S GAIN

CHINA'S Chang'e-6 lunar module returned to Earth on Tuesday, bringing back the first ever samples from the far side of the moon. It's a major step for the country and a giant leap for mankind. The probe is expected to have returned with up to 2 kg of moon dust and rocks to be analysed by Chinese researchers before being shared with international scientists. We are excited at the possibility of learning more about the evolution of our solar system. But it is also our collective duty to ensure that further exploration happens in a sustainable way, without the extractive intent written into future space programmes.

OUR new government has gotten into stride in the diplomatic arena within days of assuming power. The big setback that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) suffered in the general elections has been interpreted internationally as a severe reprimand for Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Without doubt, the Indian voter pushed back against concentrated power, and the expectation is that it may force Modi to opt for cautious approaches. Time will tell.

Foreign policy is not going to be a hot-button issue for the opposition, which now has a strong presence in parliament. Rahul Gandhi, who led the opposition campaign in the polls and emerged victorious, hardly wasted breath on foreign policy issues. And as the Leader of the Opposition, he is all but certain to remain focused on domestic issues, with an eye on people's concerns about their livelihood, jobs, poverty, governance and so on.

But Rahul Gandhi has an erudite and eclectic mind, open to taking things from many different sources in a conceptual approach of highlighting the government's mistakes and deficiencies. Suffice to say, the return of parliamentary order will complicate some of Modi's ambitious projects in the diplomatic arena, where he staked his prestige and reputation—the Haifa port project of the Adani Group and the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) top the list.

The Achilles' heel of the BJP government's foreign policy is that it revolved around the aura that has been assiduously built around Modi. A good foreign policy is a projection of national policy, but what we have seen in the past decade was a concerted attempt by the establishment and a pliant media to exploit diplomatic ventures theatrically to boost the stature of the prime minister as if 'Modi is India and India is Modi'. Of course, it didn't work, as External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar would have realised by the afternoon of June 4. A new approach becomes necessary. How the dilemma is going to be resolved remains to be seen.

In late July last year, India's largest port developer and operator, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone, acquired the lease of the Haifa port in Israel lasting until 2054, in a consortium with Israeli group Gadot. Clinching the \$1.18-billion deal, Adani holds 70 percent of the shares.

Haifa, whose port is on lease to an Indian-led consortium, was a key site for Zionist nation-building. No wonder Israel's enemies have the area in their crosshairs

HOW THE GAZA FALLOUT IS COMING CLOSER TO INDIA

M K BHADRAKUMAR

Former diplomat



SOURAV ROY

A perception exists about the seamless access and clout of the Adani Group to the political elite. There is nothing wrong here. Such nexus is the lifeblood of corporate culture and is endemic to capitalism. The government seems to have used its good offices with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to secure the Haifa project for the Adani group, overcoming some significant resistance within Israel.

The Haifa port is a highly strategic entity and this deal materialised soon after an online conference held between US President Joe Biden, the then Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid, United Arab Emirates President Mohammed Bin Zayed, and Prime Minister Modi during Biden's visit to Israel in July 2022, where

the four leaders gave their blessing to a new quadrilateral arrangement known as I2U2 (Israel-India-UAE-US) in sync with the Abraham Accords aimed at the integration of Israel in its region.

Meanwhile, Jerusalem and Washington began promoting an upgraded trade route between the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Israel, which would connect the Gulf directly to Europe through an Israeli seaport. Propagated as a game-changer that will upgrade global trade in West Asia, the real intention was to improve Israel's position as a transportation hub for moving cargo from the far east to Europe, while highlighting the role of the US in the region. Thus was born the idea of the IMEC.

What additionality would India get

QUIETENING THOSE WHO CAST DOUBTS ON EVMs

MEENAKSHI LEKHI

Former Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture; MP from New Delhi, 2014-24



ANIL K ANTONY

National Secretary and National Spokesperson, BJP

lenged 41 times in courts, including the very first challenge by the BJP which learnt its lessons, but other parties refuse to do so.

Elon Musk's comment on the possibility of EVMs being hacked by humans or AI, in response to a report on alleged voting irregularities in Puerto Rico, has once again caused a stir among certain groups. This presents an excellent opportunity for India to highlight one of its most successful indigenous innovations.



Indian EVMs stand out globally because of their simplicity and scalability. Since their first use in a Kerala assembly poll in 1982, they have been rigorously tested. They have also withstood 41 legal challenges and more than 275 safety protocols are in place to make them tamper-proof

At present, Namibia, Nepal, Armenia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Italy, Switzerland, Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Venezuela, besides the US, use some form of electronic voting. Several European countries, including Germany, the UK and the Netherlands, conducted limited pilots to test EVMs. However, due to court orders and concerns such as the need for technical knowledge among voters, vulnerability to hacking, and the absence of a paper trail, they discontinued their use.

The US uses EVMs, but lacks a standardised version. Instead, they employ a combination of optical scan systems and direct-recording electronic (DRE) voting systems,

resulting in a variety of technologies and procedures. The Philippines uses precinct count optical scan machines, which scan paper ballots and electronically tally the votes. Brazil uses DRE machines, where votes are recorded directly into electronic memory. All of these countries employ various measures such as operating without network connectivity during voting, protecting election data transmission networks with firewalls, securing hardware, and implementing end-to-end encryption.

Indian EVMs are an indigenous innovation different from systems across the world. Each unit consists of a control unit housing a microcontroller and an electronic circuitry, which does not display any candidate or party information and remains under the supervision of the presiding officer. The balloting unit, through which voters interact, is kept separate and connected to the control unit with a cable. There are more than 275 safety protocols that make Indian EVMs tamper-proof. There is no internet port, so there are no means to send or receive WiFi, Bluetooth or other wireless signals. The EVM chip is writable only once—once encrypted, the chip cannot be overwritten. There are rigorous standard operating practices in place for transportation and storage.

So, Indian EVMs are unique in their simplicity and scalability. They stand as marvels of innovation akin to India's significant digital public infrastructure achievements, such as the widely adopted UPI payment system and the CoWIN platform. These innovations underscore India's capability to develop and deploy advanced technological solutions at scale that prioritise security and efficiency in critical national processes.

As PM Modi rightly said, India's poll results are a victory for the democratic world, showcasing resilience, peaceful conduct of elections and smooth transfer of power. They have ascertained the credibility of EVMs for those who had doubts. They have also cemented India's democratic credentials and effectively silenced accusations.

(Views are personal)

Zionism offered itself as the solution to anti-semitism, but became the main reason for its continued presence

Ilan Pappé

by being bracketed in the I2U2 grouping? India has excellent relations with the other three protagonists and has no need to piggyback on any of them or assume their liabilities. Again, what has India got to do with the IMEC? India has connectivity with West Asia and Europe from time immemorial. The Suez Canal provides connectivity with all European ports.

On the contrary, the IMEC is a cumbersome route involving multiple transshipping, combining a ship-to-rail transit network with new railway lines and road transport. Plainly put, the government's sole motivation could be that the IMEC may reroute India's export trade with the European market via Israel, which will indeed generate more business and windfall profit for the Haifa port. But why should the Indian trader or industry assume such an obligation? It is a troubling question.

Fundamentally, what the government overlooked was that the Abraham Accords were unravelling. With the horrific violence that Israel let loose in Gaza, that country will remain a shunned state unless and until the Palestine problem gets resolved through negotiations—of which, of course, there are no signs today, since the majority opinion in Israel opposes a two-state solution. Israel's far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said on Monday that he plans to make the occupied West Bank a part of Israel "to thwart any possibility of establishing a Palestinian state in the heart of the country".

Zionism will be resisted, and Haifa is at the centre of the storm. If our Ministry of External Affairs had not abolished its fantastic Historical Division, it would have had a sense that the Haifa port was a key site of Jewish colonisation and Zionist nation-building since the 1940s. It witnessed unspeakable violence when Palestinians were expelled in 1948 to change the demography in an event known as the Nakba, meaning catastrophe in Arabic.

The searing memory of the Nakba is embedded in the collective consciousness of West Asia. The Axis of Resistance has earmarked Haifa as a target for retribution. The Haifa port has a bleak future going forward and Delhi is in no position to salvage the huge investment that the Indian corporate group made in an act of folly, probably misled by the Israelis. India shouldn't have been wandering eyeless in Haifa.

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Exemplary courage

Ref: *Assange saga a reminder for strong whistleblower laws* (Jun 27). The WikiLeaks founder walked out of Belmarsh prison after five years. It was because of Assange that the world found out about US war crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan. The enormity of state power even in the greatest democracy was shown in this case. Assange's work demonstrated his exemplary courage and fearless journalism. **Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha**

Divisive figure

Ref: *Assange finally free, returns home* (June 27). The release of Julian Assange marks the end of a turbulent chapter that spanned over a decade. He remains a divisive figure, lauded by some as a champion of free speech and journalism, and derided by others as a criminal, evading justice. **R Sivakumar, Chennai**

Prestigious challenge

Ref: *Caution needed before hosting the Olympics* (Jun 27). Conducting the Olympics is undoubtedly a prestigious challenge that India can undertake. However, before bidding for the 2036 Olympics, India needs to foster unity among its athletes and officials of all sports organisations. It is essential for politicians to stay away from sports bodies and ensure only genuine personalities lead all federations. **VR Ajith Kumar, Thiruvananthapuram**

Diverting attention

It is ironic that the BJP has again taken up the five-decades-old Emergency. No doubt, the imposition of Emergency marked the darkest day of Indian history. But in order to divert people's attention from monumental issues such as NEET, farmers' protests, inflation and massive unemployment, it is stirring up past issues. **Rajamani Chelladurai, Tirunelveli**

Rahul's sincerity

Ref: *Golden Jubilee of the blackest day* (Jun 26). The article was quite thought-provoking. In contrast to some of his ancestors, Rahul Gandhi is civilised, cultured and the entire nation gave a fair recognition for his comeback with sincerity. Kudos to him for all his hard work. **I Syed Parvez, Tiruchirappalli**

Panchayat funds

Ref: *The need to empower the third tier* (Jun 26). The author clearly addressed the issues of local governments and their independent functioning. Panchayats now stand as mere distributors of funds. It is imperative to address their income-generating powers. **Ajay Rajeev, Chertala**

POSTS
OF THE
DAY**Narendra Modi** @narendramodi
Great to see India's universities making strides on the global stage! Our commitment to quality education is yielding encouraging results.**Aadiya Thackeray** @AUTHackeray
Is it a crime to say "Jai Samvidhan" after taking oath in Parliament? It very strongly reiterates what we've been saying all through. BJP wants to change our Constitution.**Sitaram Yechury** @SitaramYechury
Smearing at BJP's electoral setback, losing 92 seats while gaining 29 (net loss of 63). Hindutva outfits have intensified vicious attacks on Muslim minorities.

Congress MP says President's speech 'old wine in new bottle'; Samajwadi Party MP calls for replacing 'Sengol' with Constitution

Oppn sees red as Prez talks about Emergency



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Shashi Tharoor,
Congress MP

'No need for suggestions'

As Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said 'Jai Samvidhan' while taking oath, Speaker Om Birla remarked, "You are taking oath of Constitution only." Congress MP Deependar Hooda said the Speaker should not be objecting to this. "I don't need your suggestions on what needs to be objected to and what not. Now sit down," Birla said.

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE reference to the Emergency in President Droupadi Murmu's address set off another political storm on Thursday with the Opposition INDIA bloc leaders launching an attack on the Modi government.

In her address, the President described the imposition of Emergency as the "biggest and darkest chapter" of a direct attack on the Constitution.

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said, "There was no logic in talking about the Emergency in the address after 49 years. We did not hear anything about the NEET exam or unemployment. The word Manipur did not come out from President Murmu or PM Modi. Issues like the India-China border should have been taken up in the address."

Congress MP Tariq Anwar said the President's speech was old wine in a new bottle.

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav said, "What did the BJP do for the people who were jailed during the Emergency? SP gave them respect and pensions."

Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra said the President read out a "script given by the government" and that the BJP has not realised yet that it does not have a majority on its own.

Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi met Speaker Om Birla and conveyed his displeasure over the chair's reference to the Emergency, saying it was "clearly political" and could have been avoided.

Congress general secretary K

C Venugopal also wrote to Birla, expressing the party's displeasure over the invoking of the resolution on the Emergency after assuming office.

"I am writing this in the context of a very grave matter impacting the very credibility of the institution of Parliament. Yesterday, that is 26 June 2024, at the time of offering felicitations on your election as Lok Sabha Speaker, there was a general camaraderie in the House as such occasions generate," said Venugopal in his letter.

"However, what followed thereafter, which is a reference from the Chair after your acceptance speech, in regard to the declaration of Emergency half a century ago, is deeply shocking. Making such a political reference from the Chair is unprecedented in the annals of the history of Parliament. This coming from the Chair as one of the 'first duties' of a newly elected Speaker assumes even graver proportions," he said.

In another development, SP Lok Sabha MP RK Chaudhary wrote a letter to Speaker Om Birla, saying that 'Sengol' means 'Rajdanda' and it must be replaced by a copy of the Constitution. "The sceptre was used by monarchs to resolve citizens' issues but now we have democracy and follow the Constitution," he said.

While the INDIA bloc leaders supported the suggestion, BJP leaders attacked Chaudhary for demeaning Tamil culture. "This is a good suggestion from our SP colleague," said Congress MP Manickam Tagore.

POWER CORRIDOR



President Droupadi Murmu's cavalcade leaves for the joint session of Parliament in New Delhi on Thursday | SHEKHAR YADAV

THAROOR TAKES OATH, FIVE MORE MPs TO GO

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor was on Thursday sworn in as a member of the 18th Lok Sabha. The Thiruvananthapuram MP took oath in English, while holding a copy of the Constitution. "Jai Hind, Jai Samvidhan," he said concluding his oath. Five Lok Sabha MPs, including two independents who are in jail, are yet to take oath.

6 NEW MPs TAKE OATH AS RAJYA SABHA MEMBERS

Six newly-elected MPs from Bihar, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh took oath as members of Rajya Sabha on Thursday. The MPs were Congress' Akhilesh Prasad Singh representing Bihar; JMM's Sarfaraz Ahmad and BJP's Pradip Kumar Varma from Jharkhand; and BJP MPs Banshilal Gurjar, Maya Naroliya and Balyogi Umeshnath from Madhya Pradesh.

BJP MPs MEET AT PARTY OFFICE

After the ongoing session of Parliament was adjourned on the fourth consecutive day on Thursday, the BJP held a meeting of nearly 90 MPs from various states, including Bihar and West Bengal, at the party headquarters in Delhi. The MPs discussed the party's performance and the strategies to be taken up further.

PM introduces Council of Ministers in RS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday introduced his council of ministers in Rajya Sabha, amid clapping and thumping of desks.

On Wednesday, the PM had introduced his council of ministers in Lok Sabha after the election of the Speaker.

"I have great pleasure in introducing Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India, who has been sworn in as the Prime Minister for the third consecutive term after a gap of six decades," Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar announced amid thumping of desks and applause. He then asked the PM to introduce the ministers.

Leader of the House JP Nadda, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, and Congress leader Sonia Gandhi were among those present. Thursday was the first day of the 264th session of Rajya Sabha. The House met after President Droupadi Murmu addressed a joint sitting of both the Houses.

MHA to control J&K police finances

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

IN a major move to finance and modernise Jammu and Kashmir Police, the Centre has approved a proposal to include the Union Territory Police's budget within the grants given to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on the lines of the Delhi Police.

Sources said the decision will bring the J&K Police at par with its counterpart in the national capital and ensure that more professionalism and a people-centric approach are installed in the force.

Sources said that for this, the Ministry of Finance has sought complete financial and other data from Jammu and Kashmir's home department through the MHA. This is for a seamless transition of the police budget from the Union Territory's grants to the MHA in the Union Budget, scheduled to be presented on July 22. This is going to be the first Budget of the Modi 3.0 government.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had taken a vote-on-account earlier in the Janu-

HOW THE MOVE WILL WORK OUT

The shifting of budget from J&K home department to MHA will reduce the pension burden, as only the police forces will be accounted

The budget of Delhi Police is far more than that of J&K Police

Treasuries across J&K will be asked to have separate database of retirees of the police force

With the inclusion of J&K Police budget with the budget grants of the MHA, the force will witness significant improvements

THIS WILL HELP J&K POLICE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF TERRORISM, RADICALISATION, CYBER CRIME, NARCOTICS AND THREATS FROM ACROSS THE BORDER

ary-February session of Parliament ahead of general elections in the country.

A source in the government said, "To ensure a seamless transition of the Jammu and Kashmir Police budget from the Union Territory to the Union Budget, the finance department of the Centre has advised

the J&K home department to complete certain formalities."

Sources said the formalities include ensuring proper inclusion of the balance budget for 2024-25 for adoption in the budget of the MHA on the lines of Delhi Police and putting in place, in coordination with Chief Controller of Accounts

of the MHA, the mechanism for the release of the budget, delegation of financial powers and expenditure management under various heads for smooth operations of J&K Police, starting from the approval of the Union Budget.

The sources said the government's decision will go a long way in strengthening and modernising the police force in J&K, as its budget would go up significantly once the financing system is brought under the Union home ministry.

This would help the Jammu and Kashmir police to strengthen itself to meet the challenges of terrorism, radicalisation, cyber crime, narcotics and threats from across the border, the sources said.

They said the increase in allocation to the J&K Police will happen in view of the segregation of the pension burden in two parts — one paid to the retirees from among the police force and rest of the UT's public servants. The claims of retirees of the police force can only be lodged with the MHA for reimbursement.

CBI arrests two in NEET-UG paper leak case, hunt on for main accused

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE CBI on Thursday arrested two suspects in Patna in the NEET-UG paper leak case — the first arrests by the federal agency after taking over the investigation in the case from the Bihar police's Economic Offences Unit (EOU) on June 25, officials said.

The arrested, Manish Prakash and Ashutosh Kumar, had allegedly made arrangements for accommodation and transportation for examinees on May 4, a day before the exam, at an abandoned public school in Patna, where around 25 students received the leaked papers and memorised solved questions, officials said. Ashutosh allegedly provided lodging for the students at his residence.

Manish's wife Archana told media persons that the CBI called her around 1.30 pm to inform her that her husband had been arrested. "I had heard someone asking my husband on the phone to make arrangements for 4-5 students. We had



NSUI members raise slogans protest over the irregularities in NEET-UG exam, inside the office of the National Testing Agency in Noida on Thursday | PTI

no idea it would lead us to such serious problems," she said.

The arrests were made 12 hours after detention of a Hazaribagh-based private school principal from where papers are suspected to have been leaked. EOU had earlier arrested 13 people, including four examinees, in Bihar and six others in Jharkhand.

Meanwhile, the CBI conducted raids to nab prime accused Sanjiv Mukhiya, who has reportedly fled to Nepal. The agency also took two other accused — Chintu Kumar and Mukesh Kumar — on a week-long remand for interrogation in the case.

Review mechanism to spot glitches in detailed project reports set up

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has taken note that the "poor" quality of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) with "mistakes" are often causing delay in road projects, eventually leading to road accidents.

In a bid to tackle this, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the road construction wing under the ministry, has set up a review mechanism — a dedicated unit for end-to-end monitoring to ensure quality.

Under the new arrangements, the regional officers and project directors will be advised on overall planning and methodology for desired outcome of the DPR preparations, as well as the finalisation of alignment conforming to techno-economic considerations.

Leveraging quality

The new DPR Cell, to be headed by a Chief General Manager, will function under the Member (Projects) of National Highways Authority of India. The cell will comprise about 40 experts with experience in project implementation and preparations of detailed project reports.

According to officials, the need of good DPR for highway project is of paramount importance for safety, reliability and quality roads. After examining this aspect, it was observed that non-uniformity in review of DPR preparation is also one of the challenges and hence, the NHAI has decided to form a DPR cell.

The officials said that the regional officers and project directors are generally unable to devote adequate time for re-

view DPRs and provide qualitative inputs and deliverables. So, the cell will also render necessary advice in finalisation of design of various parameters of all highway components as per the specifications.

The Union road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari has time and again flagged poor quality of DPRs for highway projects. On occasions, he also blamed faulty DPRs for maximum road accidents and deaths in road traffic crashes in India.

Given the criticism, the ministry earlier modified the model tender document, according to which professionals being engaged by private entities to prepare quality DPRs for national highway development projects need to undergo a mandatory six-day training course conducted by Indian Academy of Highway Engineers.

4 polling booths in India as Iran votes today

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

IRAN has set up four polling centres in India to facilitate Iranians in exercising their right to vote. "We will have four polling stations in India — Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, and Hyderabad — to accommodate over 3,000 Iranians living and working in India, including students," Iraj Elahi, Iran's Ambassador to India, told this newspaper: Iran votes on Friday.

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi died in a helicopter crash on May 19th. Thirty-eight days after the accident, Iran is holding its Presidential elections on June 28.

Out of the 400 candidates who registered for the elections, Iran's Ministry of Interior accepted 80 candidatures, and six were shortlisted to contest. Two candidates pulled out of the race, leaving four to contest. These four are the current speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf (Conservative), diplomat Saeed Jalili (Conservative),



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cleric Mostafa Pourmohammadi (Conservative), and lawmaker Massoud Pezeshkian (Reformist).

"In Iran, the President is elected by the people, so we are urging all Iranians to come out and vote. The results will be declared by June 29. In Iran, if the President dies an unnatural death during his term, Presi-

dential elections are held within 50 days. We are optimistic that the Iranians in India will come out and vote," Ambassador Elahi added.

Meanwhile, Iran is the newest member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and is looking forward to participating in the upcoming Summit in Asthana.

"India's role and position in both SCO and BRICS are significant. It is up to India to decide who they send for the Summit. At present, India, Russia, and China have emerged as major powers in the world and will pave the way for a new international order. The world is at a critical point with conflicts raging and economies suffering," Elahi added.

He also spoke about the significance of trade in local currencies and said that India and Iran had traded in local currencies in the past and are likely to resume once a few technical issues are resolved.

"The world today has two options — either to accept sanctions as they are or to look for alternatives. These alternatives include trade in local currencies. The economy is the driver for change, and sanctions have impacted Iran and Russia," Ambassador Elahi said, adding that India has always supported Iran, even its becoming a member of BRICS.

BEHEADED WIFE
A man was caught red-handed while he was trying to dump the body of his wife, whom he beheaded and chopped off her hands, police said. Arbaz had married Chahat from Uttarakhand about six months ago.

2 HURT
AS PART OF GALLERY IN CHAWL COLLAPSES IN MAHA



INDIA	Max	Min	Mumbai	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	35	29	
Bhopal	43	28	32	28	
Jaipur	41	30	41	27	
Amritsar	40	23	42	27	
Chennai	39	30	34	28	
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

Eviction drive after Didi tough talk

In a post-poll meet, TMC chief names and shames ministers/councillors over rampant corruption

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

WITH Mamata Banerjee issuing a stern warning to some ministers, party leaders and a section of the bureaucracy during an administrative meeting over gross irregularities in awarding tenders and encroachment in footpaths, the police on Thursday continued their eviction drives in Kolkata as well as districts as the CM stated that she is not against hawkers but against encroachments on government land.

On Thursday police visited various districts and with the help of earthmovers evicted dozens of illegal encroachments in footpaths. Later, Mamata said she was not against hawkers.

"My policy is not to use bulldozers; I want restrictions to be imposed from the beginning," she said at the state secretariat on Thursday in a meeting with state ministers, bureaucrats, police and hawkers' union representatives. Mamata instructed the Calcutta police, mayor Firhad Hakim and others to carry out surveys in Hatibagan and the Grand hotel arcade.

"Don't take bulldozers. Find out how it can be sorted," she said. The chief minister also announced a five-member committee including three ministers — Arup Biswas, Moloy



Mamata takes stock of TMC performance

The main reason behind Mamata Banerjee's taking on her ministers, a section of bureaucracy is believed to be TMC's weakening hold in urban pockets. Of the 144 wards in Kolkata Municipal Corporation, TMC was trailing in 47 wards in the Lok Sabha elections.

Ghatak and Firhad Hakim — would survey the areas in the state to find solutions to the encroachment and illegal parking problems. The eviction drive will begin after the committee has surveyed the situation.

The drive comes weeks after Lok Sabha poll results were announced. The primary reason behind Mamata's taking the bulldozer route is believed to be her party's weakening

hold in urban pockets.

Of the 144 wards in the Kolkata Municipal Corporation, 141 are a part of the Lok Sabha seats of Calcutta North and Calcutta South and three in Jadavpur. The Trinamool was trailing in 47 wards in the Lok Sabha elections.

There are only seven members from the Opposition comprising BJP, Congress and the Left in the civic body. The BJP was leading in civic bodies

Amarnath yatra to begin amid tight security

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AS the 52-day long Amarnath yatra begins on Saturday, the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB), which looks after the affairs of yatra management, has advised yatis to respect the environment and not pollute the area and avoid drinking alcohol, caffeinated drinks and smoking.

The SASB has issued Do's and Don'ts for the pilgrims undertaking the Amarnath yatra, which involves trekking at altitudes as high as 14,800 feet. The Amarnath yatra will start on June 29 and culminated on Raksha Bandhan on August 19.

Situated in a narrow gorge at the farther end of Lidder Valley in south Kashmir, Amarnath cave shrine stands at 3,888 metre, 46 kms from Pahalgam and 14 kms from Baltal routes.

The SASB has advised the devotees to carry sufficient woolen clothing as the temperature may sometimes abruptly fall below 5 degree celsius and all yatis should wear the RFID cards all times during the yatra. "Do strictly follow the instructions issued by the Yatra Administration. The gates at Domel and Chandanwari open at 05.00 am and close at 11.00 am. Reach gates on time," the pilgrims have been advised

Unveiled on March 10, Jabalpur airport canopy caves in due to rains

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

PART of the tensile roof/fabric canopy in front of the expanded new terminal building of Dumna Airport in Jabalpur caved in on Thursday following heavy overnight rains. This prompted the opposition Congress to allege corruption and question the quality of construction work of building which was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi just three months ago on March 10.

The mishap reportedly caused by accumulation of abnormally high volume of water, ultimately caused major damage to a government official's car parked under the caved-in canopy. Fortunately, however, the government official and chauffeur had exited from the car, moments before the mishap damaged the major portion of the car.

The incident happened at around 11.30 am, just after the government official (possibly an income tax department official) had exited the car to go inside the airport.

According to the Jabalpur Airport director Rajiv Ratan Pandey, "The fabric canopy has been built in front of the new



terminal building of the airport for decorative purposes. Continued heavy rains caused localised accumulation of rain water on a part of the fabric canopy, causing the collapse of the part of the canopy and enormous water to fall suddenly with heavy force on the car under it. It caused significant damage to the roof and windows of the car. A technical probe has been immediately ordered in the matter to ascertain the reasons behind the incident."

The Congress's state unit, however, alleged corruption in construction work. "MP has become a stronghold of corruption. Mr Yadav (the MP CM), is there any place left where the BJP hasn't done corruption?"

Mainland Serow, vulnerable mammal species, sighted in Raimona Nat'l Park

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

ASSAM forest officials and conservationists are ecstatic as the first photographic evidence of Mainland Serow — an elusive and vulnerable mammal species notified by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) — was recorded in the state's newly-declared Raimona National Park.

The forest department and well-known biodiversity conservation organisation Aaranyak captured the animal using digital camera traps. The finding was published as a scientific paper in the Journal of Threatened Taxa.

"The discovery of Mainland Serow in Raimona National Park is good news for biodiversity conservation aspects, and we are thrilled by the finding. Our goal is to conserve this species and other wildlife extensively in the national park," the Aranyak quoted Divisional Forest Officer Bhanu Sinha as saying. The population of Mainland Serow is widely distributed in the neighbouring Phibsoo Wild-



life Sanctuary and Royal Manas National Park of Bhutan.

"We would extend our thanks to the national park authority for their collaborative efforts that led to the discovery of this beautiful species. Finding of this species is good news for the conservation world," senior scientist with Aaranyak Dr M Firoz Ahmed said.

Dr Dipankar Lahkar, a senior

conservationist with Aaranyak, said the animal was sighted at a lower elevation — 96 metres. "According to IUCN, it is found at an elevation of 200 to 300 metres. That way, it's a new record. Also, the animal was sighted within a 1 km radius from the fringe villages," Lahkar said.

He said the Mainland Serow is present across various habitats extending from the Himalayas in the Indian subcontinent to southern China, mainland southeastern Asia and Sumatra. "The species' populations are fragmented, and rapidly declining due to poaching, habitat destruction, and habitat loss. The lack of reliable data on its abundance makes it difficult to implement effective conservation actions to ensure long-term survival," Lahkar said

State of affairs: Another bridge collapse in Bihar, 4th in 10 days

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

A portion of a bridge caved in Bihar's Kishanganj district on Wednesday, the fourth such incident in the state in 10 days. Officials said that the 13-year-old bridge was constructed on a tributary of the Maria river near Bansbari Shrivastav Chowk. The 70-meter-long bridge apparently collapsed under the impact of heavy rain. No one was injured in the incident, the officials said.

A video capturing moments of bridge collapse also went viral on social media. In the video, it can be seen that the middle portion of the bridge is falling and almost touching the fast-flowing river. The state rural works department had constructed the bridge in 2011.

"The bridge, situated in Bahadurganj block, was 70 meters long and 12 meters wide," district magistrate Tushar Singla said.

"The bridge was built in 2011 over Madiya, a small tributary that connects the Kankai river to the Mahananda. Heavy rainfall in the catchment area in Nepal has led to a sudden rise in the water level. One of the pillars of the bridge could not withstand the strong current," he said.

Sources claimed that poor-



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On June 23, an under-construction small bridge collapsed under Ghorasahan block area in East Champaran district. No casualty was reported in that incident. Similarly, a small bridge collapsed in Siwan

district on June 22. It was built over a canal, connecting the villages of Daraunda and Maharajganj blocks.

On June 18, a newly constructed bridge, about 180-metres long, collapsed in Araria district. The bridge was constructed at a cost of ₹12 crore.

Meanwhile, state government's rural works department held a review meeting to get status report on the bridges and culverts built in the state. Officials have been given a week's time to submit the report.

The frequent incidents of bridge collapse in the state invited sharp criticism from opposition leaders, who demanded a fair investigation into the matter and suitable action against those responsible.

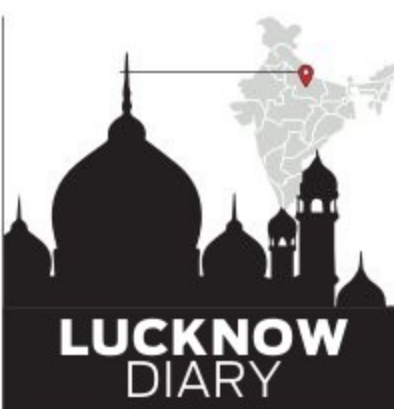
...and jab they (Fadnavis & Uddhav) met in lift!

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

IN a twist straight out of a political drama, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray and deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis found themselves sharing an elevator at Vidhan Bhavan on Thursday. This unexpected rendezvous set tongues wagging in political circles, sparking speculation about whether the old allies might be thawing the ice.

Uddhav Thackeray was attending the monsoon session of the Maharashtra state assembly and council, which kicked off on Thursday. Initially intending to take the stairs, Thackeray was persuaded by his party leaders to use the elevator instead. Little did he know, he would bump into BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis. Adding to the coincidence, BJP minister Chandrakant Patil also joined the elevator party and shared sweets with Thackeray.

The video of this elevator encounter quickly went viral, causing a stir on social media and among political analysts. The sight of these two major Maharashtra leaders casually chatting in an elevator was particularly notable given the increasing animosity between their respective parties. However, when later addressing the media, Thackeray dismissed the encounter as a mere coincidence. "I met Devendra Fadnavis in an elevator. It was a meeting by coincidence. It's said that walls have ears so henceforth, I'll do discreet meetings in elevators as lifts don't have walls," Thackeray quipped.



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Bhagwat attempts to reach out in UP

The performance of BJP in UP in recently concluded Lok Sabha polls has not unsettled the ruling party as much apparently as the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS). After a five day 'Pravas' in Gorakhpur, Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat, perhaps in a fresh Muslim outreach attempt, is slated to visit the state second time in a fortnight when he is expected to release a book, a biographical account of Paramveer Chakra winner and hero of 1965 Indo-Pak war Veer Abdul Hameed, in Ghazipur on July 1. The book has been written on Bhagwat's suggestion, says Abdul Hameed's son Zainul Hassan who claims to have met Bhagwat twice.



Cong's Imran Masood comes out in CM support

After acquiring confidence by winning six Lok Sabha seats in UP in 2024 general election fought in alliance with the Samajwadi, one of the Congress MPs from Saharanpur — Imran Masood — has given a new flavour to the opposition politics by dropping a few words of appreciation for UP CM Yogi Adityanath, recently, Masood, who had shot to infamy by giving a controversial remark over the then BJP PM candidate Narendra Modi in 2014, with a harmonizing approach admired efforts of Yogi Adityanath for bringing improvement in the power situation in UP.

Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party in a soup

Already under fire from various BJP quarters for failing to mobilise his community in favour of NDA in Lok Sabha polls, in eastern UP, OP Rajbhar-led Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) is finding itself in another soup as one its MLAs Bedi Ram from Jakhania in Ghazipur, has been caught on camera boasting about his role in facilitating jobs in lieu of money through paper leak. In the video viral on social media, the MLA is seen accepting that he has helped at least forty people get recruitment at a time. Bedi Ram has a controversial past and was arrested by UP STF in connection with Railway Recruitment paper leak case in 2014.

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

TRANSFERS made by a Rajasthan minister have been stopped by another, bringing to the fore a rift in the Bhajan Lal government. The agriculture department under Kirori Lal Meena recently transferred engineers to zila parishads and panchayat samitis. However, the panchayati raj department under Madan Dilawar objected to the transfers and halted them, sources said, exposing differences between the two ministers.

When reached out by this newspaper, neither Agriculture Minister Kirori Lal Meena nor Panchayati Raj Minister Madan Dilawar refused to comment on the issue. The practice has been that the rural development and panchayati raj departments have been managed by one minister. Under the Bhajan Lal ministry the responsibilities have been split between Meena and Dilawar.

Meena oversees the agriculture, horticulture, rural development, and disaster relief departments. Dilawar is in charge of the school education and panchayati raj departments. Analysts say that the division is a primary cause of the conflict, as the interconnected nature of the rural development and panchayati raj departments makes them prone to friction when handled by separate ministers. Sources said Meena, given his stature, sought greater power which he did not receive, further escalating the conflict. Recently, Meena targeted Rajkumar Roat of the BAP over controversial remarks made by Dilawar regarding the DNA of tribals. But he declined to comment.



'Division a cause of conflict'

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A chance meeting: Uddhav

When at the media, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray dismissed the encounter as a mere coincidence. "I met Devendra Fadnavis in an elevator. It was a coincidence. After the Lok Sabha polls, the BJP has been keen on rekindling its alliance with Uddhav's Sena



Tumakuru City Corporation, Tumakuru
Website: www.tumkurcity.mrc.gov.in Phone No: 2278480, Fax: 2275106 e-mail : itstaff_ulb_tumkur@yahoo.com Grievance: 0816-2272200, 2271200
No:TCC/TS/HS/CR- /2024-25 DATED: 25.06.2024

Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, Tumakuru City Corporation, Tumakuru invites tenders as per the KTPP act 1999-2000 through e-Procurement portal For various works under various grants Eligible Bidder can participate in the Tender. For more information go to website: www.kppp.gov.in .
Contractors can download and submit the tenders through e-Procurement portal www.kppp.gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:
1. Date of receipt of Tenders : 25.06.2024 to 03.07.2024 . 2. Last Date for Submission of Tenders : 3.07.2024 at 04.30 PM. 3. Date of Opening of Tenders : 04.07.2024 at 04.45 AM. Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only e-Procurement portal and will not be published in news papers.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Tumakur City Corporation Tumakuru
DIPR/TUM/91/KSMCA/2024-25



BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwarinagar Division, Near Chowdeshwari Bus Stop, Mathikere, Bangalore - 560 054.

No. BBMP/EE/RRN/QUOT-01/2024-25 Date:27.06.2024

INVITATION OF QUOTATION (IQT) (QUOTATION NOTIFICATION)

The Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwarinagar Division invites quotations from eligible Contractors / Vendors registered in Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, or equivalent registration with KPWD / PWD / BWSSB / Railways / MES / National Highway or any state Government Organizations for the quotation rates in the table below.

Sl. No.	Description of Item	Unit	Quoted Rate in Rs.
1	Providing and laying walkway flooring of water cut/gang saw cut granite slabs of size 600 mm x 600 mm x 60 mm thick with edges chamfered finish laid over cement mortar bed 40mm & joined with cement slurry mixed with pigment neatly to match shade of granite slabs including cutting to the required size and shape, dressing, laying and cleaning the finished surface including the cost of all materials, labours, all lead and lifts, loading & unloading charges, hire charges of all machinery & equipment's and all other incidental charges complete as per specifications. The work shall be carried out as per standard technical detailed specifications and as per the directions of the Engineer in charge.	Sqm	

1) The quotations can be quoted from the KPP portal from: **28.06.2024 onwards.** 2) Last date for submission of quotations: **12.07.2024 upto 16.00 hours.** 3) Quotations will be opened on the website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> on **15.07.2024 at 10.30 hours onwards.** Further details can be had from the KPP Portal or office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwarinagar Division.

DBS Bank India Limited,Regional Recovery Head, SAM-office#460/2,PTK Complex, 8th B Main, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bengaluru-560011

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APPENDIX-IV-A
[See provision to rule 8 (6)] read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
E-Auction Sale notice for sale of Immovable property
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the vacant and physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of DBS Bank India Limited. The secured asset will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of ₹ 46,50,55,765.87 (Rupees forty six crores fifty lakh fifty five thousand seven hundred and sixty five and paise eighty seven only) (amount calculated as per the Hon'ble DRT-II, Bengaluru decree dated 10 Nov 2023) OA. No. 73/2018 amount as on 25 June 2024 along with future interest from 26 June 2024 and expenses incurred due to DBS Bank India Limited, Bengaluru Main Branch, Bengaluru, the Secured Creditor from Borrowers 1.) M/s Shankaranarayan Jewellers, No. 129, D. R. Complex, 1st and 2nd Floor, DVG Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru 560004, Represented by its partners and guarantors; 2.) Sri P. S. Vishwanath, S/o Late PathiShankarnarayan, (a) No. 129, D. R. Complex, 1st and 2nd Floor, DVG Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru 560004 (b) R/a No.18, S2, Sri Durga Rathna Apartments, 7th main, 2nd block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-11 and 3.) Sri P. V.Mahesh (since deceased, by his legal heirs), 3 (a) Smt. Vidya Mahesh, W/o. Late P.V Mahesh, 3 (b) Ms. Sanjana Pathi, D/o. Late P.V Mahesh and 3 (c) Mr. TejasPathi, S/o. Late P.V Mahesh all residing at, No. 129, D. R. Complex, 1st and 2nd Floor, DVG Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru 560004.

Date of E Auction:	06 Aug 2024 at 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Last date, time for payment of EMD and place for submission of application and contact details	05 Aug 2024, before 3:00 PMDBS Bank India Ltd, 460/2, PTK Complex, 8th B Main Road, 4th block Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560011 Karnataka. Ph. no. 8106586658/ 7387072130.
Reserve Price	₹ 11,60,00,000/- (Rupees eleven crore sixty lakh only)
EMD	₹ 1,16,00,000/- (Rupees one crore sixteen lakh only) DBRTGS favoring DBS Bank India Limited Account No. 884LIABICUSUINR, IFSC: DBSS00N0811, Mumbai branch

Description of Immoveable Property:All that part and parcel of residential property bearing Plot No. 8/13, Sai Kripa, New Corporation No. 8, Old No. 41, situated at Chandrashekhara Layout Road, Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, Sunkenahalli Ward No. 49, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560004, measuring East West 90 feet x North South 60 feet, total 5400 square feet, standing in the name of Sri P. S. Vishwanath, bound: On the East by plot No. 8/10 belonging to Smt Rukmini Sankant. On the West by 30 feet wide road, On the North by plot No. 8/8 belonging to Smt Hema Raju, On the South by property belonging to Sri Srinivas.
For more detailed terms and conditions:
a) Please visit the E-Auction Service Provider's website at: <https://bankauctions.in>
b) Please visit our bank website at: <http://gbs.dbc.com/corporateimportantannouncements>.
Date: 27 June 2024 Authorised Officer,DBS Bank India Limited
Place: Bengaluru SAM - Bengaluru



MYSURU CITY CORPORATION, MYSURU
Office of the Commissioner, New Sayyaji Rao Road, Mysuru- 570024. Email: mcchealthofficer@gmail.com

No.: MCC/PWM/EP/16/2024-25 Date: 26.06.2024

Expression of Interest

Expression of Interest for "Procurement of EPR certificates from Mysuru City Corporation (ULB) by Producers Importers & Brand as per the Guidelines of Centralized EPR Portal for Plastic Packaging issued by Central Pollution Control Board"
Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has been at the forefront of handling plastic waste responsibly. MCC is the first urban local body in Karnataka to earn an Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) certificate for **Category-III plastic waste**. It is also the second in the country to receive the EPR certificate. MCC has registered on the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) EPR portal as ULB. The city earns EPR certificates for processing plastic waste through state pollution control board authorized Plastic Waste Processors (PwP). Mysuru City Corporation intends to trade the EPR certificates with PIBOs who are Registered in Centralized EPR Portal for Plastic Packaging developed by CPCB.
Hence, Mysuru City Corporation invites this Expression of Interest from PIBOs to trade the EPR certificate. Interested PIBOs may send their expressions of interest by quoting the value (in INR inclusive of all taxes), in the format provided in Annexure I., List of Documents to be submitted are provided in Annexure II. And Terms and Conditions for participating entity is provided in Annexure III. Proposal in sealed covers super scribed "Expression of Interest for Procurement of EPR certificates from Mysuru City Corporation (ULB) by Producers Importers & Brand as per the Guidelines of Centralized EPR Portal for Plastic Packaging issued by Central Pollution Control Board" must reach, The Office of, The Corporation Health Officer, Mysuru City Corporation, New Sayyaji Rao Road, Mysuru 570024 Karnataka, or through companies official email to mcchealthofficer@gmail.com before **04/07/2024, 16:00 (04:00PM)**. EOI copy may be downloaded from Mysuru City Corporation website.
Sd/- Commissioner
Mysuru City Corporation, Mysuru



UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, DHARWAD
Office of the Estate Officer, Krishi Nagar, Dharwad-580 005
No.EO/UASD/ 2024-25 Date : 26.06.2024

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expression of Interest is invited through e-Procurement portal from the Public Sector Banks, RRBs & Scheduled Banks those having branches in Hubli-Dharwad City Limit for providing the competitive rate of interest on Short Term Deposits. The surplus amount Rs. **55,00,00,000/-** of General Provident Fund is to be parked in the form of short term fixed deposits in the banks. The details of the notification and conditions etc., can be had with bid document by visiting the website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>.
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS : (1) Last Date & Time for Receipt of bids : **06.07.2024** To 17.00 Hrs (2) Date & Time for Opening of bid : **08.07.2024** At 11.00 Hrs
The interested Banks need to register with the e-Procurement portal for participating in the tender. For more details, please contact ph. No: **080-23010900**, The Banks are requested to get updated with corrigendum/addendum (if any) issued online at the following e-Procurement website in the entire tender process. <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>.
The University reserves the right at its absolute discretion to proceed or cancel with the tender at any stage before awarding the work.
DIPR/Dharwad/KSMCA/1007/2024-25 **Sd/- Estate Officer**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER AND LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER, SEDAM SUB-DIVISION, SEDAM

Telephone No.08441-276073 e-mail:acsedam@gmail.com

No.REV/LAQ/NH/01/2024-25 Dated : 25-06-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956), the Ministry Of Road Transport And Highways, Central Government vide Notification Dated: 14.06.2024 declared the intention to acquire the land for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc..), maintenance, management and operation of NH-167N in the stretch of land from Km. 0.00 to Km. 15.85 (Near Miriyan Telangana/Karnataka Border-Chincholi Section) in the district of Kalaburagi (Gulbarga) in the state of KARNATAKA. The same is here with Published for Public Notice as per the sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act.
It is also informed not to carry out Purchase or Sale, Amortization, Any other documentation and Any Development works in respect of Lands notified under the Schedule of the afore said notification.
Sd/- Assistant Commissioner and Land Acquisition Officer, Sedam Sub-division, Sedam

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 14th June, 2024

S.O. 2319(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc..), maintenance, management and operation of NH-167N in the stretch of land from Km. 0.00 to Km. 15.85 (Near Miriyan Telangana/Karnataka Border-Chincholi Section) in the district of Kalaburagi (Gulbarga) in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.
Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.
Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, AC Sub Division, Sedam, Kalaburgi in writing and shall set out the grounds there of and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.
Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.
The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE
Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km. 0.00 to Km. 15.85 (Near Miriyan Telangana/Karnataka Border-Chincholi Section) of NH-167N in the state of KARNATAKA.

State: KARNATAKA		District: Kalaburagi (Gulbarga)			
Sl. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectares)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Chincholi					
Village: Chincholi [R]					
1	155	Private	Wet / Builtup	1.4986 (Hectare)	1.4986
2	156	Private	Wet	1.25 (Hectare)	1.25
3	167	Private	Wet	0.9591 (Hectare)	0.9591
4	170	Private	Wet	0.923 (Hectare)	0.923
5	171	Private	Wet	0.9602 (Hectare)	0.9602
6	177	Private	Wet	2.1368 (Hectare)	2.1368
7	178	Private	Wet	0.584 (Hectare)	0.584
8	179	Private	Wet	1.22 (Hectare)	1.22
9	180	Private	Wet	0.0257 (Hectare)	0.0257
10	181	Private	Wet	1.0472 (Hectare)	1.0472
11	182	Private	Wet	0.591 (Hectare)	0.591
12	183	Private	Wet	0.4582 (Hectare)	0.4582
13	204	Private	Wet	2.6521 (Hectare)	2.6521
14	205	Private	Wet	1.4178 (Hectare)	1.4178
15	Existing Road	Government	Existing Road	1.5244 (Hectare)	1.5244
16	Stream	Government	Stream	0.1331 (Hectare)	0.1331
Village: Polakpalli					
17	100	Private	Wet	1.4894 (Hectare)	1.4894
18	104	Private	Wet	0.0737 (Hectare)	0.0737
19	105	Private	Wet	0.2456 (Hectare)	0.2456
20	113	Private	Wet	0.1188 (Hectare)	0.1188
21	114	Private	Wet	0.3224 (Hectare)	0.3224
22	115	Private	Wet	0.6445 (Hectare)	0.6445
23	116	Private	Wet	0.7679 (Hectare)	0.7679
24	117	Private	Wet	2.119 (Hectare)	2.119
25	118	Private	Wet	0.2729 (Hectare)	0.2729
26	45	Private	Dry	2.9321 (Hectare)	2.9321
27	48	Private	Wet	0.3252 (Hectare)	0.3252
28	54	Private	Wet	1.9738 (Hectare)	1.9738
29	55	Private	Wet	1.7777 (Hectare)	1.7777
30	60	Private	Wet	0.7847 (Hectare)	0.7847
31	61	Private	Wet	0.7311 (Hectare)	0.7311
32	63	Private	Wet	1.0795 (Hectare)	1.0795
33	64	Private	Wet	0.3685 (Hectare)	0.3685
34	72	Private	Wet	0.0785 (Hectare)	0.0785
35	73	Private	Wet	0.0845 (Hectare)	0.0845
36	96	Private	Wet	0.0228 (Hectare)	0.0228
37	97	Private	Wet	0.2223 (Hectare)	0.2223
38	98	Private	Wet	1.8674 (Hectare)	1.8674
39	Canal	Government	Canal	0.0423 (Hectare)	0.0423
40	Existing Road	Government	Existing Road	0.0973 (Hectare)	0.0973
41	Existing Road	Government	Existing Road	0.241 (Hectare)	0.241
42	Existing Road	Government	Existing Road	2.711 (Hectare)	2.711
43	Stream	Government	Stream	0.1986 (Hectare)	0.1986



Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Muhammad Noorudheen K/ Fareeda K V- LBTHR00004842386	Schedule- A Item No. 1 : All That Piece and Parcel of Immoveable Residentially Converted Property Bearing Survey No. 151/1 Measuring 1 Acre 11 Guntas and Survey No. 152/1 Measuring 29 Guntas Totally Measuring 2 Acres (87,120 Square Feet), Situated At Madivala Village, Marsur Post, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District- 562106 Ad Bounded As Follows; East : By Remaining Property of Sri. C. Gopal Reddy & Private Property West : By Suraj Devi Sipani Property 151/3 & 152/3; North: By Upkar Layout & Its Connecting Road and; South: By Road; Item No. 2: All That Piece and Parcel of Immoveable Residentially Converted Property Bearing Survey Nos. 149/2, 150/2, 151/3 and 152/3, Situated Madivala (Bandapura) Village, Marsur Post, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District- 562106, Totally Measuring 3 Acres 13 Guntas And Bounded As Follows; East: By Remaining Property Of C Gopal Reddy & Private Property West: By Sipani Properties Pvt. Ltd. Property Survey No. 149/1 & 150/1; North: By Upkar Layout & Its Connecting Road And; South : By Road; Schedule- B West Facing, Apartment No. 705 on The Seventh Floor of Block "E" of The Residential Apartment Complex Known As "Sipani Bliss-II" Constructed Upon Schedule A Property Item No. 1, Having Measuring 50.63 Square Mtrs (545 Square Feet) of Carpet Area and 71.53 Square Mtrs (770 Square Feet) of Super Built-up Area and Consisting of Two Bed Rooms, Hall, Kitchen, Balconies and Toilets, Along With Proportionate 26.03 Square Mtrs. (280.22 Square Feet) of Undivided Shore, Title And Interest in The Land Comprised in Schedule A Property Item No. 1 With One Semi Covered Car Parking Space at Ground Level and Proportionate Interest in The Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Lifts Staircases, Club House, Swimming Pool, and of Gymnasium, and Other Common Amenities and Facilities Mentioned In The Annexure Pld No. 150200101800627316 / Date of Symbolic Possession 22-june-2024	February 26, 2024 Rs. 15,85,913.00/-	Trichur

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: June 28, 2024
Place: Bangalore
Sincerely Authorised Signatory
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Village: Somlingadhalli					
44	136	Private	Wet	0.0738 (Hectare)	0.0738
45	137	Private	Wet	0.12 (Hectare)	0.12
46	138	Private	Wet	0.1144 (Hectare)	0.1144
47	139	Private	Wet	0.1057 (Hectare)	0.1057
48	143	Private	Dry	0.2463 (Hectare)	0.2463
49	144	Private	Wet	0.5921 (Hectare)	0.5921
50	145	Private	Wet / Builtup	0.9074 (Hectare)	0.9074
51	146	Private	Wet	0.0092 (Hectare)	0.0092
52	147	Private	Wet	0.1617 (Hectare)	0.1617
53	148	Private	Wet	0.8495 (Hectare)	0.8495
54	152	Private	Dry	0.2999 (Hectare)	0.2999
55	Existing Road	Government	Existing Road	5.1046 (Hectare)	5.1046
56	Existing SH Road	Government	Existing Road	1.1208 (Hectare)	1.1208
57	Road	Government	Road	0.519 (Hectare)	0.519
Village: Kallur Road					
58	1	Private	Builtup	0.0192 (Hectare)	0.0192
59	10	Private	Builtup / Wet	0.0445 (Hectare)	0.0445
60	104	Private	Builtup	0.0354 (Hectare)	0.0354
61	118	Private	Builtup	0.004 (Hectare)	0.004
62	126	Private	Builtup	0.095 (Hectare)	0.095
63	127	Private	BuiltUp	0.0018 (Hectare)	0.0018
64	128	Private	Wet	0.023 (Hectare)	0.023
65	132	Private	Built Up	0.0465 (Hectare)	0.0465
66	133	Government	Wet	0.2017 (Hectare)	0.2017
67	135	Private	Wet	0.3884 (Hectare)	0.3884
68	136	Private	Wet	1.2871 (Hectare)	1.2871
69	15	Private	Wet	0.0119 (Hectare)	0.0119
70	2	Private	Builtup	0.0307 (Hectare)	0.0307
71	225	Private	Wet	0.0072 (Hectare)	0.0072
72	227	Private	Dry	0.0111 (Hectare)	0.0111
73	231	Private	Dry	0.0238 (Hectare)	0.0238
74	5	Private	Builtup	0.0593 (Hectare)	0.0593
75	8	Private	Builtup	0.0645 (Hectare)	0.0645
76	9	Private	Builtup	0.0202 (Hectare)	0.0202
77	99	Private	Wet	0.0354 (Hectare)	0.0354
78	Existing Road	Government	Existing Road	13.769 (Hectare)	13.769
79	Road	Government	Road	0.1125 (Hectare)	0.1125
80	Road	Government	Road	0.0396 (Hectare)	0.0396
81	Road	Government	Road	0.0378 (Hectare)	0.0378
82	Road	Government	Road	0.0394 (Hectare)	0.0394
83	Stream	Government	Stream	0.1378 (Hectare)	0.1378
84	Stream	Government	Stream	0.0065 (Hectare)	0.0065
85	Stream	Government	Stream	0.0123 (Hectare)	0.0123
86	Stream	Government	Stream	0.0549 (Hectare)	0.0549
Village: Miryan					
87	240	Private	Wet	0.0166 (Hectare)	0.0166
88	243	Private	Wet	0.0087 (Hectare)	0.0087
89	244	Private	Wet	0.0696 (Hectare)	0.0696
90	245	Private	Wet	0.7469 (Hectare)	0.7469
91	247	Private	Wet	2.0096 (Hectare)	2.0096
92	248	Private	Wet	0.3204 (Hectare)	0.3204
93	249	Private	Wet/Builtup	0.0523 (Hectare)	0.0523
94	252	Private	Wet	0.9456 (Hectare)	0.9456
95	260	Private	Wet	0.6762 (Hectare)	0.6762
96	261	Private	Wet	1.1818 (Hectare)	1.1818
97	268	Private	Dry	0.1521 (Hectare)	0.1521
98	269	Private	Dry	0.2793 (Hectare)	0



Household savings going into speculation, says Sebi chief

Capital market regulator revises the futures and options stock selection criteria, to constitute expert group to look into this segment and submit report

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

WITH the F&O volume more than doubling in the past six years from ₹210 trillion (₹210 lakh crore) in FY18 to ₹500 trillion in FY24, making the country the largest in the world with over 85% of the global derivatives volume, the regulators have been a worried lot and this has finally the market regulator Sebi taking some concrete action.

Of this total, more than 95% are on the NSE alone, making the bourse the world's largest F&O exchange. In a board meeting on Thursday, the Sebi has revised the F&O stock selection criteria though it will not lead a massive increase or decrease in the number of stocks in derivatives segments.

Addressing the media after the board meeting, Sebi chair Madhabi Puri Buch said it has been decided to constitute an expert group to look into F&O segment, which will submit a report to the secondary market advisory committee.

The expert group will look into three dimensions -- market development, investor protection and risk parameters, she said, adding this is over and



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Madhabi Puri Buch, Sebi chair

above the decisions on inclusions or exclusions done today.

"Household savings are going into not-so-productive activities, this is going into speculation. This has resulted in huge jump in F&O trading in the past six years. While the overall turnover was ₹210 trillion in FY18, it has jumped to ₹500 trillion in FY24," Buch said. This was something recently the RBI governor Shaktikanta Das also said.

"Individual investors in index options jumped to 41% in

FY24 from just 2 percent in FY18, Buch said, adding "we have seen people borrowing money for such speculative trades. It's not a good thing.

Explaining the rationale behind the move, she said the regulatory thinking is in two parts. First is to ensure that there is a healthy linkage between cash market and F&O market. Some years back we had said that there would be physical delivery of open positions on expiry. The second step is today which says that criteria of which

stocks will be permitted in F&O basis on how the shares behave in the cash segment, we need to adjust these parameters, she said, adding detailed circular will be issued in due course.

She also said stock derivative volumes that cross a set threshold in six months need to be discontinued under the product-success framework for stock derivatives it has introduced from today. Buch said this is introduced to reduce the possibility of market manipulation through illiquid securities. Trading volumes will be watched for six months and if they do not cross a threshold, then the derivatives will be discontinued, she told reporters at the post-board meeting presser. This move will see the total number of stocks in F&O segment will go up by a handful, she added.

In another decision, Sebi has eased the norms for voluntary delisting of stocks from the exchanges by introducing a fixed price process as an alternative to reverse book building process wherein the minimum threshold is 90% participation.

Sebi cracks down on finfluencers; bans entities having ties with unregistered ones

Association with unregistered entities

Sebi said the Board has created a safe space to differentiate a regulated advisor from unregistered one. Persons regulated by it and the agents of such persons shall not have association like any transaction involving money, referral of a client, interaction of IT systems or other association of similar nature, directly or indirectly, with any other person who, directly or indirectly, provides advice or recommendation or makes claim of return or performance

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

MARKET regulator Sebi has come down on finfluencers or social media influencers who talk up stocks and hawk semibaked investment advices to gullible investors by banning any registered entities from getting associated with such unregistered entities/persons.

Last August, the Sebi had issued a consultation paper and asked for public comments and the regulations come after those inputs. Addressing the media after the board meeting, Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch said here on Thursday, "The Board has created a safe space to differentiate a regulated advisor from unregistered one because we can't exercise any control on entities/persons not regulated by us."

"We do not have any jurisdiction over people who we don't regulate. We only have jurisdiction

over people who we regulate. Also, an investor knows she is dealing with registered entity and the payment channel he is paying is a safe channel to pay through," the chairperson said.

"Persons regulated by the Sebi and the agents of such persons shall not have any association, like any transaction involving money or money's worth, referral of a client, interaction of information technology systems or any other association of similar nature or character, directly or indirectly, with any other person who, directly or indirectly, provides advice or recommendation or makes implicit or explicit claim of return or performance, in respect of or related to security or securities unless permitted by the Board to provide such advice/recommendation," Sebi said. The Sebi has put the onus on the registered entities to ensure that persons with whom they get associated does not indulge in prohibited activities.

UltraTech Cement acquires 23% stake in India Cements

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a bid to remain ahead of the growing competition, Aditya Birla Group-led UltraTech Cement has acquired a 23% stake in Chennai-based India Cements Ltd (ICL).

The country's top cement manufacturer on Thursday announced purchasing 70.6 million shares of India Cements at a price of up to ₹267 per share, with a total deal value of ₹1,885 crore. UltraTech said it is a non-controlling financial investment and the indicative time period for the completion of the deal is one month.

Following this announcement, billionaire investor Radhakishan Damani and his associates sold 23% equity in ICL to UltraTech for ₹1,889 crore. The deal took place at an average price of ₹267.74 per share, showed the BSE data. With this, UltraTech has become the second-largest investor in ICL. Promoters led by N. Srinivasan currently own 28.42% of India Cements.

The deal between UltraTech and ICL comes two weeks after Adani Group's Ambuja Cement announced the acquisition of Hyderabad-based Penna Cement at an enterprise value of

₹10,422 crore. Consolidation in the cement sector has escalated ever since the Adanis entered this sector by acquiring Ambuja Cements and ACC in 2022. UltraTech has a 150.3 million tonnes (MT) capacity and aims to expand the same to 200 MT by FY27, excluding any future acquisitions. If UltraTech decides to become the majority stakeholder in India Cement, it has to add 15.5 MT to its capacity. It would increase its presence in Southern India, where it has a smaller market share.

An industry analyst said there is a high possibility that Birlas may launch an open offer for ICL soon given it needs only 2% more shares to do so. "It would be positive for the shareholders of ICL as the company has high operating costs and struggling to compete with the big names," the analyst said requesting anonymity India Cements shares rose 11.5%. For the fiscal ended March 31, 2024, ICL's consolidated net loss was at ₹215.76 crore and revenue came at ₹5,112 crore.

UltraTech had earlier acquired about 1 MT of capacity from ICL in Maharashtra besides buying large cement companies such as Jaypee Cement, Binani Cement and Kesoram.



TELECOM

Jio hikes tariff up to 27%, other telcos may follow

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

AFTER a gap of two and a half years, country's largest telecom service provider Reliance Jio announced a tariff hike up to 27% for its plans on Thursday. The telco, in a statement, said these revised rates would take effect from July 3, 2024. The last price increase was in November 2021, when all three telcos - Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone Idea - raised tariffs by up to 25%. However, the other two have yet to announce their revised tariffs.

"The introduction of new plans is a step in the direction of furthering industry innovation and driving sustainable growth through investments in 5G and AI technology," said Akash M Ambani, Chairman, Reliance Jio Infocomm.

As per the updated plans, Jio has increased rates across nearly all mobile service plans. The price of the lowest recharge has been raised to Rs 19, which is 27% higher than the previous Rs 15 for a 1 GB data add-on pack. The 75 GB post-paid data plan will now cost ₹449, up from ₹399. Jio has also raised the price of the popular Rs 666 unlimited plan with an 84-day validity by approximately 20% to ₹799. Annual recharge plans will see an increase of 20-21%, rising from ₹1,559 to ₹1,899 and from ₹2,999 to ₹3,599.

"Unlimited 5G data will be available on all plans with 2GB per day and above... The new plans will take effect on July 3, 2024, and can be opted for through all existing touchpoints and channels," the statement noted. It highlighted that India now leads globally in 5G deployment, with nearly 85% of the total operational 5G cells in India belonging to Jio.

Sensex touches 79K, Nifty overcomes 24K hurdle

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE ongoing dream rally in equity market following the formation of the BJP-led coalition government at the centre continues to take the benchmarks - BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty50 - to new highs. In just two sessions, the 30-share index Sensex galloped from 78,000 points to 79,000 points while broader Nifty50 breached the 24,000 level for the first time on Thursday.

From the low of June 4 when the general election results were coming out, Sensex and

Nifty have seen a rally of 10% each. While the Sensex has added over 7,100 points during the period, the Nifty has gained 2,160 points. On June 4, the benchmarks saw a correction of over 6% each but recovered fully in just 3 sessions.

"This must have been one of the fastest recoveries in the history of Indian capital markets which can be attributed to fund flows... Market participants have been buying equities left, right and centre over the last

fortnight which has driven the markets higher," said Apurva Sheth, head of market perspectives and research, SAMCO Securities.

Foreign portfolio investor's (FPI) fund flow data from Sebi shows they have been buyers in last 12 sessions from June 10-26, pumping about ₹32,087 crore. DII's have pumped in ₹20,002 crore in the same period. Jaykrishna Gandhi, Head - Business Development, Institutional Equities, Emkay Global Financial Services said the re-

cent move is supported by the private banking sector which has been a laggard from the previous 8 quarters but a usual favourite amongst the foreign participants.

"We hope the positive momentum to continue as we enter July with confidence of a reformative budget, which will help in economic growth momentum and supported by flows from both domestic and foreign investors... Large caps with better valuations and new segments tapping capital markets will be in focus," added Gandhi.

RBI warns of faster private credit growth, says it risks financial stability

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank has warned of the rapid growth of private credit, which has jumped over four-fold in the past 10 years, due to their growing interconnectedness with banks and non-banking lenders, which can create vulnerabilities.

Private credit is provided by non-bank lenders to corporates on a bilateral basis and the same grown four-folds over the past ten years, the RBI said in the financial stability report Thursday. "The rapid growth of private credit and increasing interconnectedness with banks and non-banks and their opacity can create vulnerabilities that can become systemic."

The report said private credit is essentially provided by non-bank lenders to businesses on a bilateral basis, has grown four-folds over the past 10 years, emerging as a major source of corporate financing among middle-market firms that have low or negative earnings, high leverage, and lack of high quality collateral.



In the report, Governor Shaktikanta Das said balance of risks for global financial stability has improved since the past issue of the report in December 2023. The risks of a hard landing for the global economy have also abated, even though progress in disinflation has been slow and world trade continues to face fragmentation and realignment of supply chains.

The global financial system, however, faces major risks which include alarming levels of public debt, stretched asset valuations, increasing economic and financial fragmentation, frequent geopolitical conflicts,

and risks associated with financial technologies and climate change, Das said.

Despite these headwinds, the domestic economy is exhibiting strength and resilience, with strong macroeconomic fundamentals and buffers. Economic activity is expanding at a steady pace, with the financial system being stronger and more vibrant than what it was before the onset of the recent period of crises. He credited the same for the approach of balancing growth and stability, with willingness to take proactive and prudent actions to prevent accumulation of risks, is promoting long-term resilience and stability of the financial system.

"It is vital that we consolidate these gains and nurture a financial system that is future ready and supports the needs of our growing economy. Furthermore, as our contribution to global growth rises which was 18.5 percent in 2023, our financial system must also modernise and deepen as it prepares to go more global," Das said.

Net redemption at 1.5% of AUM in 3 days: Quant

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

UNDER Sebi scanner over allegations of front running, Quant Mutual Fund on Thursday issued FAQs to reassure investors that the fund house is comfortably placed as far as liquidity is concerned. The fund house says cash and liquid investments were 53.49% of closing equity assets under management (AUM) of ₹88,270 crore as of June 26, and over the last three days, net redemptions have totaled only 1.5% of the AUM.

The fund house founded by Sandeep Tandon in 2008 has said that it has received inquiries from the regulator, and it is in full co-operation with the concerned authorities. However, it clarifies that there have been no further developments since then. CEO Sandeep Tandon addressed a few stake holders on webinar and assured them that the MF's operations are running smoothly with its full focus on managing portfolio and investment strategies diligently.

Housing sales decline in second quarter of 2024 due to increasing prices across cities

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

HOUSING sales across India's top 7 cities declined marginally in the second quarter of 2024 due to increasing property prices and a high base record of the previous quarter (Q1 2024).

The latest data issued by property consultant ANAROCK shows that housing sales witnessed a quarterly drop of 8% and stood at approx. 1,20,340 units in Q2 2024 across the top 7 cities, against approx. 1,30,170 units sold in Q1 2024. However, on a yearly basis, there has been a 5% rise in residential sales. Average residential prop-

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Anuj Puri, Chairman - ANAROCK Group

erty prices across the top 7 cities increased in the range of 4-10% in Q2, 2024 when compared to Q1 2024 amid high residential sales. On a yearly basis, the top 7 cities recorded a significant average price rise of between 13-39%.

Anuj Puri, Chairman - ANAROCK Group, says, "The quar-

terly decline seen in housing sales is essentially because of the all-time high base considered in the previous quarter, when more than 1.30 lakh units were sold. Most importantly, this drop is also due to the significant hike in property prices over the last one year, which in turn has prompted many investors to take a breather."

"NCR saw the highest quarterly jump of 10% in Q2, 2024 while Hyderabad saw the highest yearly jump of 38% in average residential prices," says Puri. "However, if prices are kept in check henceforth, housing sales may not be impacted in the upcoming quarters."

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

SUPPLIERS of goods and services will have to give undertakings signed by Chartered Accountants (CA) or Cost Accountants (CWA) that they will reverse any ITC claimed on discounted supplies.

The clarification was part of 16 circulars issued on Thursday by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), following the 53rd GST Council Meeting last Saturday. The Council has recommended a mechanism for suppliers to demonstrate compliance with GST rules related to post-sale discounts. However, till the



time such a mechanism is developed an undertaking signed by CAs or CWAs would suffice.

"The new system allows suppliers to obtain certificates from CAs or CWAs confirming

this reversal for discounts exceeding ₹5 lakh. For smaller discounts (up to ₹5 lakh), a simple undertaking from the customer suffices," explains Saurabh Agarwal, Tax Partner, EY.

Another circular has clarified that insurance companies are now eligible to claim ITC on motor vehicle repair expenses incurred through reimbursement claims, provided that the necessary documentation is correctly issued.

The GST authorities have also said that telecom operators are now required to pay GST on spectrum based on their payment schedule. If a

telecom operator makes a full upfront payment, GST will be due when the payment is made or when it is scheduled to be made, whichever comes first.

"The clarification will put at rest the potential untimely demand for GST especially for cases where the telecom operator has opted for deferred payment option," said Harsh Shah, Partner at Economic Laws Practice.

If a telecom operator makes a full upfront payment, goods and services tax will be due when the payment is made or when it is scheduled to be made, whichever comes first, as stated by CBIC.

TAXATION

Need sellers' undertaking for ITC reversal

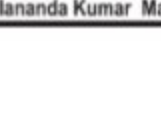
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Tender Reference No. C.E.-CUM-ADDL. SECY. (B) - 01 /2024-25
Name of the Work - Improvement to erstwhile OAT Building, Cuttack along with Construction of 4th Floor for shifting of the District Court Complex, Cuttack.
The following changes have been made in Bid Identification No. C.E.-CUM-ADDL. SECY. (B) - 01 /2024-25
1. Bid documents such as DTGN / BOQ etc. can be seen / downloaded from the Govt. Website i.e. www.tendersorissa.gov.in, during the period from **dt.29.06.2024 to 17.00 hours of dt.16.07.2024** instead of **dt.26.06.2024 to dt.10.07.2024** for **ONLINE BIDDING** respectively.
2. Online bids shall be received till **17.00 Hours of dt.16.07.2024** instead of **dt.10.07.2024**.
3. The technical bids will be opened at 11.30 A.M. of dt.18.07.2024 instead of **dt.11.07.2024**, All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.
Sd/- C.E.-Cum-Addl. Secretary to Govt., Works Department, Odisha
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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/24-25/1169-71 Date: 26.06.2024
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)
KPTCL invites bids against **Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/24-25/1169-71 Dtd: 25.06.2024** for Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of C type wedge connectors of various sizes required for Hootagally TL&SS Division coming under Tr(W&M) Circle, Mysuru.
The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **06.07.2024**. Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.
Sd/- Superintendent Engineer, Elec., Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, I Floor, 'Prasarana Bhavana', N.R.Mohalla, Mysuru-570 007

KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD
ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH
Divisional Office Building, No. 6, Shri Vasavi Temple Road, Near Sajan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore - 560004

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.**, the constructive/physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., Secured Creditor**, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **30.07.2024**, for recovery of **Rs.1,57,92,675.81 (Rupees One Crore Fifty Seven Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Five and Paise Eight One only)** due to "The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.", Secured Creditor from (1) **Mr. R Lingappa (Borrower)** S/o R Narasiah, Near Ramaiah Thota, Karenahalli, Doddaballapur- 561203 (2) **Mrs. L. Lalithamma, (Borrower)** W/o R Lingappa, Near Ramaiah Thota, Karenahalli, Doddaballapur-561203 (3) **Mr. Jayaprakash, (Guarantor)** S/o D Kristappa, R/o Near Saraswathi School Road, Karenahalli, Doddaballapur- 561203 (4) **Mr K Govindappa, S/o My K Chinnarodappa, D.No: C 82, Opp: Ganesh Temple, Karenahalli, Doddaballapur-561203.**
(5) Nareshbabu (Borrower), S/o R Lingappa, 141, Beside Cable Ramesh House Karenahalli, Doddaballapura, Karnataka-561203. The reserve price will be Rs. 82,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 8,20,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs and Twenty Thousand only).
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Entire Residential Built up at Site No: K.No. 110/1110/45, Sy No.45, Karenahalli Village, 11th Division 2nd ward, Doddaballapur Town and Taluk, approximately measuring 31 x 39 sft with an approximate plinth area of 759 sft each in ground, 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors and bounded by: East By: House of D Kullayappa, West By: House of Anitha, North By: Road, South By: Site of Basavarajappa.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's Secured Creditor's website i.e. **www.kvb.co.in/Property Under Auction** also at the web portal **BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com** of the service provider, **M/s. 4 closure.**
Statutory 30 Days' Notice under Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002
The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.
Date : 27.06.2024
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorized Officer
THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED

STRESSED ASSETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH
No.10, 1st Floor, Indian Bank Buildings, K G Road, Bengaluru 560009
APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, SAM Branch Bangalore, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **18-07-2024** for recovery of **Rs. 77,36,598.00/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Eight only)** on 31-05-2024 with further interest and charges and expenses due to Indian Bank, SAM Branch Bangalore Secured Creditor from: **Mrs. Liza Rani B, w/o Mr. Bheema N. No. 52/A, Jyothi Nilaya, 3rd Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony, Extension Horamavu, Bangalore - 560043. Mr. Bheema N. No. 52/A, Jyothi Nilaya, 3rd Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony, Extension Horamavu, Bangalore - 560043.** The specific details of the properties intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:
Description of the entire property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site No. 57, Assessment No. 73, Property No. 73, previously situated at Jayanthi Nagar, Horamavu Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk now assigned with BBMP Katha No.57, presently within the limits of BBMP Bangalore; East to West 30 feet and North to South 50 feet totally measuring 1500 sq.ft. and bounded on East by: 4 feet passage & private property; West by: Property belonging to Sri. Narayanaswamy; North by: Property belonging to Sri. Munraj; South by: Road
Prior Encumbrances on property / NIL
Reserve Price Rs.62,04,000/-
EMD Amount Rs.6,20,400/-
Bid incremental amount Rs.25,000/-
Date and time of e-auction 18-07-2024 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
Property ID No IDIB38000103684
Bidders are advised to visit the website (www.msstcecommerce.com/auction/bapil/) of our e-auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-23400022/23400022 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact bapilinfo@msstcecommerce.com and for EMD status please contact bapilinfo@msstcecommerce.com
For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: <https://bapil.in> and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number 18001025625 and 011-41106131.
Bidders are advised to use Property ID Numbers as mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with <https://bapil.in> and www.msstcecommerce.com.
Date: 27-06-2024, Place: Bangalore
Sd/-Authorized Officer, Indian Bank
QR Code


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ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH, BANGALURU NORTH No.431 st , 1 st Floor, Tumkur Road, Yeshwanthpur Industrial Suburb, Bangalore-560022. Mobile: 9003223669, E-mail: arb.bangaluru@unionbankofindia.bank	
POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For Immovable Property)	
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India, Cantonment Branch, Bengaluru (Now the account is transferred to Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru), under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest. (Second) Act, 2002 (Act No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the following Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest / cost etc., within 60 days from the date of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower under.	
1. Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagers: 1) M/s Brea Foods Pvt.Ltd., Site No.5, 4 th Main, 1 st Cross, SK Garden, Benson Town Post, Bangalore-560046, 2) Mr. Dianath Arshad, CMD of M/s Brea Foods Pvt.Ltd., 3) Mr. Mofhasin Arshad, Director of M/s.Brea Foods Pvt.Ltd., Guarantor: 4) Mr.B.K.Arshad, All are residing at: Door No.45/1, Millers Road, 2 nd Cross, Benson Town, Civil Station, Bangalore-560046.	
Demand notice dated: 09.08.2023	Possession Notice Date: 24.06.2024
Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs.3,33,38,192.98/- (Rupees Three Crore Thirty Three Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred Ninety Two and Paise Ninety Eight Only) and interest and charges thereon.	
Description Of The Secured Assets: All that piece of residential property bearing Corporation No.45/1, BBMP PID No.92-30-45/1 situated at Miller's Road, Benson Town, Bangalore-560006 measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 50 feet, in all measuring 3000 sq.ft together with building standing thereon, belonging to Mr.B.K.Arshad and bounded on: East by: Miller's Road, West by: Remaining portion of premises No.3 Benson Cross Road, North by: Premises New No.3, Benson Cross Road, South by: Private property.	
2. Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagers: 1) M/s Brea Foods Pvt.Ltd., Site No.5, 4 th Main, 1 st Cross, SK Garden, Benson Town Post, Bangalore-560046, 2) Alternate Address: M/s Brea Foods Pvt.Ltd., No.184/3, Kannur, Mitganahalli, Kadusonnappanahalli, Bidarahalli, Bengaluru 562149., 3) Mr. Dianath Arshad, CMD of M/s Brea Foods Pvt.Ltd., 4) Mr. Mofhasin Arshad, Director of M/s.Brea Foods Pvt.Ltd., Guarantor: 5) Mr.B.K.Arshad, All are residing at: Door No.45/1, Millers Road, 2 nd Cross, Benson Town, Civil Station, Bangalore-560046.	
Demand notice dated: 09.08.2023	Possession Notice Date: 25.06.2024
Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs.3,33,38,192.98/- (Rupees Three Crore Thirty Three Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred Ninety Two and Paise Ninety Eight Only) and interest and charges thereon.	
Description Of The Secured Assets: Hypothecation of all the Stock, Plant & machinery in the factory of M/s Brea Foods Pvt.Ltd. located at No.184/3, Kannur, Mitganahalli, Kadusonnappanahalli, Bidarahalli, Bengaluru 562149.	
The above borrowers / Mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general that the under signed has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said act read with the rule 8 of the said Rules on above dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North for an amount above mentioned and interest thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.	
Date : 25.06.2024	Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore	Union Bank of India

STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH
No. 11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trust Well Hospital,
J.C. Road, Bangalore - 560002.
Phone : 080-25943678, 25943663, Email : sbl.05173@sbl.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of the State Bank of India, **Stressed Assets Recovery Branch (05173) Bangalore**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 05.02.2024** calling upon the Borrower: **Ms. Ravichandra Wines, Prager; MC, Venkatesh**, # 956, Railway Station Road, Channarayana - 952194, (Since deceased represented by Legal heirs) **1. Rajeshwari KP W/o Late MC Venkatesh, 2. Sri. Ashok WM, S/o Late MC Venkatesh, 3. Sri. Aravind MW, S/o Late MC Venkatesh, 4. Sri. Ambarnath MW, S/o Late MC Venkatesh**, All are R/t: No.1787, Rama Mandir Beld Mangalwarpet, Ward No.2, Channarayana - 562160, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.89,50,636/- (Rupees Eighty Nine Lakhs Fifty thousand Six Hundred Thirty Six Only)** within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/mortgagor/ Legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to The borrower/mortgagor/ Legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub Section 4 of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, **2002** on **26th June, 2024**.

The borrower/ mortgagor/ Legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount **Rs.79,15,371/- (Seventy Nine lakhs Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen Only)** as on **24.06.2024** and interest from **24.06.2024** at charges therein, till the realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

PROPERTY - 1: All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal Katha No. 956, 957, 958, 959, 959/1, 29, 2/959/3, 959/4, 959/5, 959/6, 959/7, Present No.1902/956 to 959, measuring, 30 feet X 54 feet and bounded on: **East** by: Railway station road, bounded on: **West** by: Karabala Mandana, **North** by: property of Abdul Karim, **South** by: Property of Yajaman.Srinivasiah.

PROPERTY - II: a) All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal Katha No. 3770/1, Door No.1786, situated at Marugudi Beld, Mangalwarpet, Ward No. 2, Channarayana Town, measuring 30 feet X 54 feet and bounded on: **East** by: House of Venkatesh, **West** by: Site of Channarayana, **North** by: House of Venkatesh, **South** by: Road.

b) All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal Katha No. 3712, Door No. 1788/1, situated at Marugudi Beld, Mangalwarpet, Ward No. 2, Channarayana Town, measuring 18 feet X 24 feet and bounded on: **East** by: House of Parthasarathy, **West** by: Chikka Karigowda, **North** by: House of Chowdiah, **South** by: House of Yajamma.

Date : 26.06.2024 Place : Bangalore	Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA SARB Bangalore,
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STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED

19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHY ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI- 600 008.

CIN U74999TN1971SGC005967
(ONLINE ONLY)

(SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE)

Tender Notice NIT.No. 12/CD/T.No.12/2024-25

For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, tenders are invited under a **"Two Cover System"** through online only for the following work from **qualified Bidders** having experience in similar nature of works as mentioned under. Tenders will be received upto **15.30 Hrs** (as per server system clock) on **18.07.2024** and the same will be opened at **15.30 Hrs** (as per server system clock) on **19.07.2024**.

Dt.26.06.2024

Name of Work	Approx. value of work	EMD
Construction of Dining hall building at SIPCOT Industrial Park, Vallam Vadagal in Siperumbudur Taluk in Kancheepuram District	Rs.1514.00 Lakhs (Inclusive of GST @18%)	Rs.7,67,000/-*

* EMD should be paid through Online in the portal (<https://tntenders.gov.in>)

The tender Schedule can be Downloaded at free of cost from the website <https://tntenders.gov.in>

DIPR/2130/Tender/2024

MANAGING DIRECTOR

 **District Child Protection Unit, Women and Child Development Department**

No. F.B-08, 1st Floor, New Zilladallitha Bhavana,
Shidlaghatta Road, Chikkaballapura-562101

Landline: **08156-277113** E-mail: **dcpcbpur@gmail.com**

No: DCPU/CBP/A.C/2024-25 Date: 24.06.2024

REQUEST TO RELOCATE THE PARENTS

On 17.06.2024 at around 6.30PM Behind National college, Via S T Hostel Road, under the oak tree near Lake Bagepalli unknown person left the 01 day old Girl child wrapped in cloth. The details of the child along with the photograph have been given. (1) Child Name: Gayithri (Named by Child Welfare Committee, Chikkaballapura). (2) Age of the Child: 08 day. (3) Father and Mother : Don't Know. (4) Religion and Cast : Don't Know. (5) Languages : Don't Know. (6) Complexion and Height : Fair, 50 cm. (7) Weight: 2.3KG. Biological Parents of the child or related guardians or heirs of the child, are requested to contact the below mentioned office with the relevant documents within 60 days. **Office to be contacted:** District Child Protection Unit, No.FB-08 First Floor New Zilladallitha Bhavana Shidlaghatta road, Chikkaballapura-562101. Tel No:08156-277113. E-mail: **dcpcbpur@gmail.com**

**Sd/- District Child Protection Officer,
District Child Protection Unit, Chikkaballapura**

DIPR/CHIKKABALLAPUR/R. O No: 44/KSMC&A/2024-25



TAMIL NADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.

(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)

No. 417, Pantheon Road, Chennai-600 008.

Phone: 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259 Website: www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in

E-Mail: gmdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in, mngprudrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in

Online Tenders is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai - 600008, for the supply of **Drugs for IVF Centres** from the Licensed Manufacturers having three years Market Standing and holding Good Manufacturing Practice Certificate (as per revised Schedule-"M") issued by the Drug Control Authority. Direct Importers holding a valid Import License and experienced in the field for a minimum period of three years and Loan Licensees having valid Loan License or Authorized Stockist / Dealers holding valid manufacturer's authorization letter are also eligible to participate in this tender.

Sl. No	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
1	Online Tender for the supply of Drugs for IVF Centres for TNMSC Limited under rate contract system for two years from the date of acceptance	e-011/M(P)/IVF-DRUGS/TNMSC/2024, Dated. 28.06.2024	28.06.2024 at 4.00 PM to 29.07.2024 upto 4.00 PM	12.07.2024 at 10.00 AM to 29.07.2024 upto 4.00 PM	30.07.2024 at 11.00 AM

The tender document can be downloaded and the tender shall be submitted at <https://tntenders.gov.in/>. The tender document can also be downloaded at www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in for reference purpose.

DIPR/ 2119 Tender/2024

Tender Inviting Authority / General Manager (Drugs)

TRAVATHI, R. W/o: Sri Venkatesh R. T/o Sri 689, 5th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Near R.T.O Office, Upper Layout, Uttari, Bangalore-56 and Smt. **CHATHRA, B. T/o:** Sytharathappa, R/o, No. 266, 44th Main, 7th Cross, Near Rajkumar Samadi, 2nd Block, Nandini Layout Bangalore-96. Now the public is hereby notified that if any persons / institutions have got any claims in respect of the schedule property are hereby requested to forward their claims with copies of the supporting documents within **SEVEN days** from today onwards on penalty that if within the said period my client will proceed and conclude the transaction as if there are no claims from any persons/institutions.

SCHEDULE
All the piece and parcel of my possession and possession of registered property Site bearing No. 6666, Katta No. 666/666, Sy. No. 75, 76 and 78, Registered at Railwayways House Building Co-operative Ltd, Bhavananigara 2nd Stage, Malakattahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur, Hobli, Bangalore - 560002. I hereby request to the administrative jurisdictional of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Ward No. 129, Jnanabharathi, measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 120 Feet, Total measuring 2400 Sq Feet and bounded on:

East by: Site No. 621, West by: Road, measuring Site No. 667, South by: Site No. 665.

Manjunatha S C, Advocate
No 123, 2nd Floor, Lakshmi Nilas,
47th Cross, 20th Main, 2nd Cross, Rajajy, Dhoot Khut Bus stop, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10, Mob. 9448226484
Bangalore Date: 27-06-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that my client Sri. A.S.Gopal s/o of Late Sri Shankarappa is intended purchase the Schedule Property from present owner Sri.N.Mahadeshwaran S/o Sri. B. Narayanappa and his legal heirs, who owned extent of the land in old Sy. No.7/1, new Sy.No.7/2 measuring 1 Acre/72, 27 Guntas who purchased through Registered Sale deed dated 22-10-2018 as per Document No. DBP-1 -08006-2018-19 from his vendor Smt. Soumya Sharaff w/o Sri. Anand Sharaff, and presently holding khta in his name to the extent of 1-17/04 Acres/ Guntas also attached with its full sharab of 0-07/04 Guntas in total 1-24/08 Acres/ Guntas Viz., the schedule property hereunder has not been pledged or mortgaged or charged or there is no pending any litigation or the Schedule Property has not been sold to any one through registered deed, and there is no impediments for the sale the intending purchaser.

Any person or persons having any

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having three years Market
Certificate (as per revised
). Direct Importers holding a
minimum period of three years
Authorized Stockist / Dealers
also eligible to participate in

	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
024	12.07.2024 at 10.00 AM to 29.07.2024 upto 4.00 PM	30.07.2024 at 11.00 AM

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y / General Manager (Drugs)

transactions of sale or and lodge
their claims/objections, if any, with
documentary evidence within Fifteen
days (15 Days) from the date of
publication of this notice with the
undersigned, failing which, thereafter,
my client shall proceed to complete the
transaction from the owner and any
claims received beyond the stipulated
period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the
southern portion of the Agricultural
dry land bearing old Sy No.7/1,
(further old Sy.No.7) and new Sy.
No.7/2, khata stands in the name of
Sri.N.Mahadeswaram, measuring 1
Acre 0-17.04 Guntas also attached with
its foot kharab of 0- 07.04 Guntas in
total 1 Acre 24.08 Guntas, (1-35 Acre/
Guntas), situated at Basavanapura
village, Doddabellavangala Hobli,
Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural
district, which is bounded on the;
East by: Land of Chikkarangappa,
West by: Government Road and
Private Property, **North** by: Land of
Nanjundappa, **South** by: Road and Land
of Manjunath.

Sd/-
Y.S.Ramesh,
Advocate,
No.27, 1st floor, Gayathiri Complex,
Book palace Road, Hemahvathipet,
Doddaballapur-561203, M: 9845885144



Former India skipper Ajinkya Rahane has signed with English county side Leicestershire for the second half of the ongoing season, the club announced on Thursday. As per the deal, he will be featuring in the team's final five games of the ongoing County Championship, besides playing in the One Day Cup, where the Foxes are the defending champions.

Rohit hits fifty before bowlers take charge and made the most of the conditions as India beat England by 68 runs in Guyana, set up final date with South Africa

India's Providence: Final again

GOMESH S @Chennai

WHEN India finished their first innings in Georgetown with 171/7 against England in the semifinal of the T20 World Cup on Thursday, it felt a little like deja vu.

Two years ago, on the same occasion - a T20 World Cup semifinal - against the same opponents, India had finished with 168/6 whilst batting first. A top-order batter in Virat Kohli had scored a fifty (50 off 40 balls) while a middle-order batter in Hardik Pandya (63 off 33) provided the kick. At the Providence Stadium, it was Rohit Sharma's turn. The Indian captain scored 57 from 39 balls, with Suryakumar Yadav (47 from 36) and Hardik (23 off 13) doing their part to take India to 171/7. From the outset, it all felt the same so far.

Except, it wasn't. When they posted 168/6 in Adelaide in 2022, the conditions were different. It was a good batting surface where the Indian top-three went into a shell. How good the surface was became all the more clear when Jos Buttler and Alex Hales took down the Indian bowling attack with ease.

Guyana, however, wasn't the same. The surface was low and slow with some grip as well. It was holding a little off the surface, making it extremely hard to hit the ball across the line. It was evident not just in the way Kohli got out but also what followed after a rain interruption. Rohit and Yadav had come back and immediately Buttler had brought back spinners from both ends — Adil Rashid and Liam Livingstone. The differ-



Axar Patel (C) & Jasprit Bumrah (R) were the X-factors for India in the semifinal | AP

10 For the first time in ten years, Indian men have reached a T20 WC final

1 Captain Rohit Sharma is set to become the only Indian to feature in three T20 WC finals



ence was there to see. Both the spinners tried not to give any length for Rohit and Yadav to get under while pushing it wider on back of length. In the first two overs after the rain break, India managed 12 runs. They were trying to work around while struggling to hit them across the line. Rohit soon realised it too. He held his shape and took Livingstone down the ground for six. Realising that they were reading the pitch, Buttler brought back Sam Curran only for Yadav and Rohit to hit the seamer for 19 runs. Rohit fell trying to take on Rashid

while Yadav was deceived by a slower one of Jofra Archer, but they had done their job. It was up to the rest to take charge, but at the same time, they also knew this was no batting paradise. It was a cat and mouse game between Buttler and India but the former faltered in overusing Chris Jordan. End result, India finished with 171/7.

It not just the conditions that were different from Adelaide. There were two other factors — Jasprit Bumrah and Kuldeep Yadav. While India knew at the halfway mark their spinners were going to have fun on the

surface, it was Bumrah who stood between England openers and another final.

Buttler knew it too. Which is why, after two quiet overs from Arshdeep Singh and Bumrah, he decided to go after the former. Three fours came in the third over as England raced to 26/0. Was it going to be a repeat of 2022? The question lingered as Rohit turned to Axar Patel. Knowing that Bumrah was not going to give away much, Buttler was determined to take down Axar's first over in the powerplay.

The first ball he faced from Axar, the England captain went down on one knee to reverse sweep. But the ball took the top edge and ended in the hands of Rishabh Pant. The first big wicket. The breakthrough India needed. Of course, it was Bumrah who gave a further opening in the next over. A pace off delivery to clean up the other opener, Phil Salt. The pacer finished with just two runs off the over, pushing England behind. Axar castled Jonny Bairstow for a duck and got Moeen Ali stumped. Kuldeep trapped Curran and England had lost half their side for 49. From thereon, it was all downhill as England went on to lose by 68 runs.

Looking at India's scores, it may have felt like a deja vu. But it really wasn't as the Indian men's side booked their place in a second consecutive World Cup final, another first. Unlike that 2023 final at Ahmedabad, will Barbados bring a different result?

Brief scores: India 171/7 in 20 ovs (Rohit 57, Suryakumar 47, Jordan 3/37) **bt** England 103 in 16.4 ovs (Kuldeep 3/19, Axar 3/23).

High pitch: Proteas make most of Trinidad conditions to enter final

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

AFTER seven attempts and various hues of failures — heartbreaks, nonsensical rain-rules, meltdowns and beat-downs each adding another catalogue to their list of downfalls — the South African men's side finally broke down the poisoned chalice to their liking. On a surface with more cracks than on a dodgy part of the moon, their bowlers scythed through the Afghanistan batters, shooting them out for 56 in 11.5 overs. In response, Reeza Hendricks and Aiden Markram were measured before the last two scoring shots from the former — a six and a four — rubber-stumped their total dominance. Those two scoring shots also generally flew in the face of what an even strip this was. You had to be really lucky to not be dismissed as the ball played various tricks after pitching. One ball would scoot along. Another, after finding a similar length on the deck, jumped up like an agitated cobra. The pacier and taller Proteas bowlers exploited the conditions perfectly to advance to their first men's World Cup final across formats.

So, one would have normally expected them to carve out a small strip of land from the Brian Lara Stadium at Tarouba for keepsake. It would have been normal human reaction; after 32 years, relief.

But, nope. They couldn't wait to get out. "The wickets that we have had throughout the competition have been pretty chal-



Gulbadin Naib gets clean bowled by Marco Jansen (not in pic) | AFP

lenging," said South Africa captain Aiden Markram. That he was asked to reflect on the surface minutes into the press conference spoke volumes. "Tonight's wicket was pretty challenging once again. It's hard to say that a wicket is not good because it can't just always be a batter's game, but I think if we reflect back on this wicket, we will probably be pretty happy that we are not playing here again."

Crikey. Afghanistan coach, Jonathan Trott, didn't want to sound bitter but he was also pretty categorical in his assessment of the 22 yards. "I don't want to get myself into trouble... I don't want to come across as bitter," he said. "But that's not the pitch you want to have a match on, plain and simple. It should

be a fair contest. I'm saying you shouldn't have batsmen worrying about going forward and the ball flying over their head."

"If the opposition bowled well and got to a position where they bowled well, and it's through skill, then that's fine. But once the ball starts misbehaving and rolling..."

Trott got to the heart of the issue. To give one example, one Aneurabh Nortje pitched on a back of length area before climbing above the blade of Karim Janat. It continued its upward trajectory and evaded a jumping Quinton de Kock glove for four byes. It was a throwback to that very cracky Cape Town surface where India and South Africa played a two-day Test in last year's Boxing Day Test.

With this much variable bounce and exaggerated seam movement on offer, Kagiso Rabada, Nortje, Marco Jansen and Tabraiz Shamsi knew they only had to keep the stumps and outside edge in play at all times which they did. "If we had bowled as straight as South Africa had, I think you would have seen a very interesting second half as well," Trott added. "South Africa bowled well, used the conditions, and showed our boys what it's capable of." Amidst all this, one thing has to be said. The result and the surface do not reflect the incredible campaign Afghanistan have had. For South Africa, destiny awaits. **Brief scores:** Afghanistan 56 in 11.5 ovs (Jansen 3/16, Rabada 2/14, Nortje 2/7, Shamsi 3/6) **lost to** South Africa 60/1 in 8.5 ovs (Hendricks 29 n.o.).

Fit-again Mirabai set for another Olympic medal

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

WITH seven medals — one gold, two silver and four bronze — the Tokyo Olympics has been the most successful Games for India so far. It all started with star weightlifter Mirabai Chanu winning 49kg silver on Day 1 before javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra created history by clinching a gold medal to culminate India's campaign in Tokyo.

Once again, the lifter from Manipur will be the cynosure of all eyes when she takes the platform at South Paris Arena 6 on August 7 as the country looks to surpass its previous best at the 2024 Paris Olympics. The 29-year-old former world champion will once again be expected to add to India's medal tally and expectations are bound to put pressure on an athlete.

Mirabai admitted the same but said she would do her best to win a medal for the country. "Pressure will be there as I bagged a medal for the country on the first day at the Tokyo Olympics. I cannot say which medal I will win but the least I can say is that I will try to give my best performance," Mirabai told journalists during a media interaction facilitated by the Sports Authority of India, In-



dian Olympic Association and Indian Weightlifting Federation on Thursday.

Mirabai suffered hip tendonitis to finish fourth at the Asian Games last year. She then returned to competition with a lift of 184 kgs (81kg snatch and 103kg clean and jerk) at the Phuket World Cup in April this year. Given the injury and recovery and rehabilitation that followed thereafter, she is taking it easy at the moment before going full throttle next month. "I have recovered fully but I along with coach Vijay (Sharma) sir decided to go easy. I am lifting 80-85 per cent not 100 per cent. We will go all out next month," she said.

With 88kg being her best in the snatch section, the lifter has always aspired for 90-plus lift and the target remains the same. "I will try to breach the 90kg mark but the primary focus is on technique and how it can get better. But it all depends on how I perform on the day of the competition. Currently, I am repeating the sets of 100-110kg in the clean and jerk and 70-80kg in snatch. The plan is to reduce the sets next month and increase the weight in both sections." Her best in the C&J section is 119, a world record then only to be broken later.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Kiran secures Paris Olympic berth in women's 400m

PANCHKULA (HARYANA): Haryana's Kiran Pahal on Thursday qualified for the Paris Olympics in the women's 400 metres, clocking 50.92 seconds in the semifinal of the ongoing National Inter-State Athletics Championships here. The qualifying mark in women's 400m was 50.95 seconds, which Kiran managed to breach to secure her berth at next month's Games.

Georgia upset Portugal, advance to pre-quarters

AFP @Gelsenkirchen

GEORGIA are through to the last 16 of Euro 2024 after Wednesday's 2-0 win over Portugal, a historic triumph in the former Soviet Republic's first appearance at a major international tournament.

Khvicha Kvaratskhelia's fine finish with less than two minutes on the clock in Gelsenkirchen and Georges Mikautadze's 57th-minute penalty ensured Georgia would claim the greatest football victory in the Black Sea nation's history.

Georgia's players celebrated with their delirious fans long after the final whistle, after inflicting a first defeat since the 2022 World Cup on Portugal, and being rewarded for the sheer fun they have brought to the tournament.

Willy Sagnol's team qualify from Group F as one of the four best third-placed finishers and face a daunting clash with Spain, who won all their group

SL head coach Silverwood steps down after team's dismal show

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka's head coach Chris Silverwood on Thursday stepped down from the role following the team's dismal outing in the T20 World Cup, the SLC announced. Former captain Mahela Jayawardene had resigned from the post of the consultant coach on Wednesday. Sri Lanka crashed out of the event in the group stages itself with two losses, a no result and a solitary win.

In Diksha's absence, Tvesa to lead Indian challenge in Swiss Open

HOLZHAUSEN (SWITZERLAND): Olympic-bound Diksha Dagar has taken a break from this week's Swiss Open but there are five other Indians in the fray, led by the experienced Tvesa Malik, who is back in form. Tvesa, the top Indian last week at the Czech Ladies Open, will have Vani Kapoor, Amandeep Drall, Ridhima Dilawari and Seher Atwal for company.



Georgia's Khvicha Kvaratskhelia celebrates his team's first goal | AFP

EURO ROUND OF 16 DRAW: Switzerland vs Italy, Germany vs Denmark, England vs Slovakia, Spain vs Georgia, France vs Belgium, Portugal vs Slovenia, Austria vs Türkiye, Romania vs Netherlands.

games, on Sunday.

"We just made history, nobody would have believed that we would have made it happen by beating Portugal, but this is

why we are a strong team," Kvaratskhelia told reporters.

"If there is even one percent chance you can make it happen if you believe."

Venezuela into Copa quarters after Mexico defeat, Jamaica eliminated

AGENCIES @Los Angeles

VENEZUELA booked their place in the quarter-finals of the Copa America on Wednesday with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Mexico that ensured Jamaica's elimination from the tournament.

Mexico-based veteran striker Salomon Rondon stroked in the only goal from the penalty spot to seal all three points for Venezuela, who are top of Group B with six points from two games. Mexico, meanwhile, can still qualify for the knockout rounds with a victory over Ecuador in their final group game on Sunday. But the Mexicans will be



Salomon Rondon | AFP

left kicking themselves at their failure to take at least a point from Wednesday's clash with Venezuela at a packed SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles.

Mexico's Orbelin Pineda missed an 87th-minute spot kick that would have made it 1-1, his effort parried away by

London to host 2nd edition of Chess League

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

THE second edition of the Global Chess League is scheduled to be held in London in the first two weeks of October (3-12). In a press release, the organisers — a joint initiative between International Chess Federation (FIDE) and Tech Mahindra — confirmed the same.

"After a fantastic response to the inaugural season, we are excited to continue our mission of expanding the reach of chess worldwide and drawing in new experiences for chess fans," FIDE president Arkady Dvorkovich was quoted as saying in the release.

The first edition of the league was won by the Triveni Continental Kings, led by Levon Aronian and Yu Yangyi. While it's not known whether the world's best players (all of Magnus Carlsen, D Gukesh Arjun Erigaisi, Ian Nepomniachtchi, Hou Yifan, R Praggnanandhaa and Tan Zhongyi among others featured in the inaugural edition) will sign up again, the organisers have promised rosters filled with 'top players'.

The league, like in 2023, will be in a team format.

Venezuela goalkeeper Rafael Romo. Earlier, Rondon had fired Venezuela into the lead in the 57th minute from the penalty spot after Mexico's Julian Quinones brought down Venezuela's Jon Aramburu with a clumsy challenge in the area. Venezuela's win confirmed Jamaica's exit from the tournament following their 3-1 loss to Ecuador in Las Vegas earlier on Wednesday.

Ecuador held off a spirited second-half rally by the Reggae Boyz to claim a vital three points. **COPA RESULTS:** Venezuela 1-0 Mexico, Ecuador 2-1 Jamaica. **Friday's matches:** Colombia vs Costa Rica (3.30 AM on Sat), Paraguay vs Brazil (6.30 AM on Sat).

Pinnacle of Sport

Ex-stars recall memories of playing Test cricket

KALYANI MANGALE @Chennai

TEST cricket. You would hear most cricketers call it an ultimate form of cricket. Contest with skills, temperament and patience at the core of it has to be the ultimate. A handful of cricketers - men and women - have had the experience of representing the country in the longest format. A few of them belong to the state of Tamil Nadu as well. Sudha Shah, who went on to play 21 Tests for India, is one of them.

"I think I was born in the wrong generation," Shah laughs. "When I started playing cricket, I just wanted to play for India.

And that time I was not sure if I would play for the national side. I was young when I made my international debut. I never thought I would hold the record of playing the most Tests for India. We grew up playing Test and I have always believed that it is the best format of cricket. It is the Test of the character and ultimately of their game," the former India all-rounder told this daily.

Shah was the part of the side that played India's first-ever official Test match in Bengaluru and as luck would have it, the second match of the series was scheduled in her own backyard, at Chepauk. The veteran knew



India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana during a training session | PTI

how special it was to play in front of her friends and family. "It was a thrill because playing a Test match in front of your family and friends, especially when the matches are not televised, it was great. I was nerv-

ous but still excited because you wanted to play well in front of your people," she added.

Another Tamil Nadu player and pacer Niranjana Nagarajan could not play in front of her home crowd when she made her Test debut against England in Wormsley. But with so many Indian spectators supporting the team, it felt like a home away from home. "Wormsley was as good as home because once we started dominating there, at one point with the crowd behind us, it felt like we were playing at home," said Niranjana.

India vs SA, one-off Test, Chennai Live on Sports18 and JioCinema. 9.30 AM Full story: newindianexpress.com

From phones that can detect deepfake scams to autonomous intelligent vehicles, the disruptive potential of artificial intelligence took centre stage as Mobile World Congress Shanghai kicked off this week

Cloud spending up for 2025

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NOW, businesses are showing growing interest in cloud spending, as 81% of Indian micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) plan to increase their cloud spend in 2025. Zoho in its recent survey found that businesses indicated that as they scale, by 2026, they want to invest in digital solutions for customer relationship management (CRM), and IT infrastructure management.

MSMEs' spending on IT and cloud is on the rise: As the focus of MSMEs on DX (digital transformation) becomes stronger, and they aim to improve their growth prospects they bank on IT and cloud solutions. About 97% of the respondents allocate up to 20% of their revenue to their IT and cloud needs.

The survey found that as businesses scale and their operations grow or become complex in nature, their digital needs also tend to grow. While 49% of the micro enterprises said they would like to reduce their cloud spending next year, 44% of medium-sized enterprises stated that they want to increase their cloud spend for 2025. Recently, Gartner said while cloud infrastructure and platform services are driving the highest spending growth, SaaS remains the largest segment of the cloud market in end-user spending. SaaS (software as a service) spending is projected to grow 20% to total \$247.2 billion in 2024. Public cloud infrastructure is a large driver of IT spending. Of many benefits of cloud, significant advantages include scalability, cost factor and enhanced security and compliance.

To understand the current environment within the sector, Zoho's survey explored the sentiment of businesses pertaining to growth; 73% of the respondents claimed that they were optimistic about their growth in the next six months. The businesses are, however, concerned about three aspects of the current macroeconomic landscape, which are economic uncertainty (54%), inflation (44%), and a shortage of skilled labour (33%).

MSMEs adopt cloud solutions in order to achieve operational efficiency. Among the surveyed MSMEs that plan their IT spends (98%), 77% have allocated up to 50% of their 2024 budget towards cloud solutions, 23% of businesses have allocated more than 50% of their budget for the same.



IN INDIA POISED TO TOUCH 840 MILLION BY 2029

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EVER since telecom service providers (TSPs) deployed 5G networks in India, consumers have been eager to experience the high-speed internet it offers. Since October 2022, the number of 5G network users has grown considerably, indicating the growing demand for this technology.

Recently, Ericsson released its Mobility Report, revealing several key insights into In-

dia's 5G network. According to the report, India's 5G subscriptions reached approximately 119 million by the end of 2023, reaching a 10% penetration rate. The report projects that 5G subscriptions in India will reach around 840 million by the end of 2029, representing 65% of all mobile subscriptions in the region. It also highlights India's extensive mid-band deployments, covering more than 90% of the population in India by the end of 2023. Concurrently, total mobile subscriptions in the region are expected to grow to

1.3 billion by 2029. The report further emphasises that enhanced mobile broadband and fixed wireless access (FWA) are emerging as primary use cases for initial 5G applications.

Globally, the adoption of 5G subscriptions continues to grow across all regions. According to the report, over 160 million new 5G subscriptions were added worldwide in the first three months of 2024, bringing the total to more than 1.7 billion. Nearly 600 million new

subscriptions are anticipated for the entire year of 2024. Researchers estimate that by the end of 2029, global 5G subscriptions will reach close to

5.6 billion, with 5G coverage expanding from 40% to 80% beyond mainland China during this period. It is expected that 5G will account for approximately 60% of all mobile subscriptions by 2029. Regionally, North America is projected to achieve the highest penetration rate by the end of 2029, with 90% (430 million) of

subscriptions anticipated to be 5G.

"The June 2024 Ericsson Mobility Report indicates continued strong uptake of 5G subscriptions globally. Enhanced Mobile Broadband and Fixed Wireless Access are leading use cases, with indications that 5G capabilities are influencing service providers' offerings in Fixed Wireless Access," said Fredrik Jejdling, executive vice-president and head of networks at Ericsson.

The report also notes a significant growth in FWA as a 5G use case among communi-

cations service providers (CSPs) worldwide over the past year. Of the 310 CSPs surveyed globally for the Ericsson study, 241 were offering FWA services as of April 2024. Of these, 128 — approximately 53% — included a 5G FWA offering. This marks a 12-point increase from the corresponding period in 2023, reflecting a growth rate of 29%.

The speed, data handling capabilities, and low latency of 5G FWA enhance the attractiveness of speed-based FWA tariff plans for CSPs, similar to cable or fiber offerings.

ML, Python & AI core skills to rule 2024 job market

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WITH an increasing number of businesses across sectors preferring artificial intelligence (AI) in their projects, companies have started recruiting people with top AI skills. Hiring platform Indeed shared data on the most wanted skills for AI jobs in India and found that the top 5 skills that are in demand include:

- Machine Learning
- Python
- AI core skills
- Communication skills
- Natural language processing

Nasscom and BCG recently in their report pointed out that the country's AI market is experiencing explosive growth, with projections indicating it will reach \$17 billion by 2027, driven by a 25-35% CAGR. Though there is huge demand, companies are struggling to find the right talent and many IT companies are conducting various AI programmes to upskill their employees.

Hiring firms say it is crucial for job seekers to be aware of and acquire the most in-demand AI skills.

Indeed's data mention that 42% of generative AI jobs in India mention machine learning, while 40% ask for Python skills. Python is highly valued for its flexibil-



ity in AI and machine learning. AI core skills and communication skills are also sought after, appearing in 36% and 23% of job ads, respectively. Other skills that are in demand are natural language processing (20%), TensorFlow (19%), Data Science (17%).

Sashi Kumar, head of sales at Indeed India, said: "India needs to focus on improving

skills to be a leader in global discussions about AI. Companies should help their workers learn more to keep up with the needed skills."

Interest in AI jobs has risen sharply in recent years in India. Indeed's recent survey indicated the optimism that Indian employers have towards AI, with over 85% expecting AI to create new jobs in 1-5 years.

MORE than a decade ago, malls were considered symbols of a new and modern India. Floor upon floor of plush retail stores and restaurants that could tantalise even the most discerning palates, these buildings were almost always crowded. However, in the past five years, there has been a rise in ghost malls, creating vacancy of more than 40%.

This phenomenon can be attributed to the rise in e-commerce, which has grown exponentially, with more and more people choosing to shop online rather than in brick-and-mortar stores. The nation's retail sector, contributing over 10% to the GDP, has experienced significant growth driven by technological innovations. Technology has been instrumental in transforming e-commerce into a thriving industry, bridging urban-rural divides and democratising access to services once confined to metropolitan cities.

Today, personalisation stands as a cornerstone of customer engagement and loyalty in the retail landscape. A significant majority, approximately 78% of consumers, favour brands offering personalised experiences. Modern data analytics tools delve deep into consumer behaviour by analysing online shopping patterns such as product preferences, browsing history, and session durations. Predictive analytics then craft highly targeted marketing campaigns tailored to individual or group shopping behaviours. With a vast audience of over 450 million active social media users, businesses leverage these platforms to personalise advertisements and expand their customer base. Additionally, virtual shopping experiences are seamlessly in-



tegrating online and in-store retail environments. Online retailers now create virtual stores that replicate the immersive feel of physical shopping trips, accessible from the comfort of customers' homes. These advancements underscore technology's key role in shaping the future of retail, enhancing convenience, and enriching the overall shopping experience.

Simultaneously, AI revolutionises modern retail operations by enabling automated pricing strategies, trend prediction, and real-time insights through machine learning. AI also enhances logistical efficiencies by optimising delivery routes and streamlining warehouse operations, ensuring prompt order fulfillment. Retailers utilise AI-driven insights to customise customer journeys across multiple touch-

points, enhancing the shopping experience and nurturing stronger customer relationships.

Moreover, the shift to a cashless economy has been hastened by technology as digital payment platforms continue to thrive, streamlining transactions and making online shopping more convenient and secure.

While the e-retail industry celebrates numerous successes, it also grapples with significant challenges such as cybersecurity threats, regulatory complexities, supply chain issues, high return rates, and market saturation.

However, with the sector projected to reach \$2 trillion by 2032 and online shoppers expected to grow to nearly 500 million by 2030, collaborative innovation is key.

As the country continues its transition towards a digital economy, fostering partnerships and implementing forward-thinking strategies will be crucial in shaping a resilient and competitive e-commerce landscape, solidifying India's position as a leader in the global marketplace.

TECHNOLOGY BUZZ

Remember Nokia 3210? The iconic phone makes a comeback

HMD Global, the Finnish company that makes Nokia phones, has relaunched the iconic Nokia 3210 in India to mark the phone's 25th anniversary. This iconic device, cherished by many as their first mobile phone, returns with a modern twist, catering to a generation seeking a balance between digital connection and disconnection. The Nokia 3210 retains its classic 1999-inspired design, and will be available in three distinct colors: Scuba Blue, Grunge Black, and Y2K Gold. It will have a 1450 mAh battery use. The phone comes preloaded with the beloved Snake game, a 2MP camera, and a flashlight. In a nod to the modern era, the Nokia 3210 provides access to YouTube and YouTube Music. Additionally, it features a suite of eight preloaded apps including Weather, News, Sokoban, Cricket Score, 2048 Game, and Tetris. The Nokia 3210 is priced at ₹3,999, while the Nokia 235 4G and Nokia 220 4G are priced at ₹3,749 and ₹3,249 respectively.

Nxtra by Airtel pledges 100% green energy for data centres

Nxtra by Airtel, a leading Indian data centre company, joined the RE100 initiative and pledged to fully source its electricity supply from renewable sources. RE100 is a global program spearheaded by the Climate Group in partnership with CDP. Nxtra had set out an ambitious target of becoming a net-zero emissions company by 2031. Joining the RE100 initiative is expected to help the company achieve this goal. Nxtra is the first data centre organisation in India and the 14th Indian company to join RE100. "We are an environmentally responsible brand and have been increasingly adopting clean energy alternatives," said Ashish Arora, CEO of Nxtra by Airtel. "We are on a positive track to achieve our net-zero goals by 2031, and we're proud to become part of the RE100 initiative with a commitment to 100% renewable electricity." The company said it has already made substantial progress towards its goals. It has contracted for 422,000 MWh of renewable energy to date.

OPPO launches Reno12 Series with wide gamut of AI features

OPPO India has unveiled its Reno12 Series smartphone and has positioned it as "Your Everyday AI Companion". The Reno12 5G and Reno12 Pro 5G integrate a suite of AI features designed to elevate photography and streamline daily tasks. For instance, in when clicking pictures, AI Eraser 2.0 removes unwanted objects from photos, while AI Clear Face delivers high-definition facial details in group photos. AI Best Face ensures perfect group shots by correcting closed eyes. AI Studio takes things a step further, allowing users to create digital avatars from the photos clicked. Beyond photography, AI empowers users with the Reno12 Series' built-in AI Toolbox powered by Google Gemini LLM. Tools like AI Writer, AI Summary, and AI Speak assist with composing emails and messages, summarising lengthy content, and translating text to speech. AI Recording Summary saves time by generating notes and summaries from voice recordings. The device comes with a large 5000mAh battery.

Samsung opens pre-booking for Galaxy Z smartphones

Samsung India, the country's leading electronics brand, is offering pre-reservations for its upcoming Galaxy Z series smartphones and ecosystem products. This program allows customers to bag early access and special offers on these new devices. Customers can pre-reserve the next Galaxy Z series smartphones for a token amount of ₹2,000 through Samsung.com, Samsung Exclusive stores, Amazon.in, Flipkart.com, and select retail outlets across India. Those who pre-reserve the Galaxy Z phones will receive benefits worth up to ₹7,000 upon purchase. Samsung is also offering pre-reservations for its next Galaxy ecosystem products for a token amount of ₹1,999. Pre-ordering these products will qualify customers for benefits worth up to ₹6,499. Samsung previously announced a global launch event on July 10 in Paris. The company hinted at the integration of the latest AI features in the new Galaxy Z series and in the broader Galaxy ecosystem.